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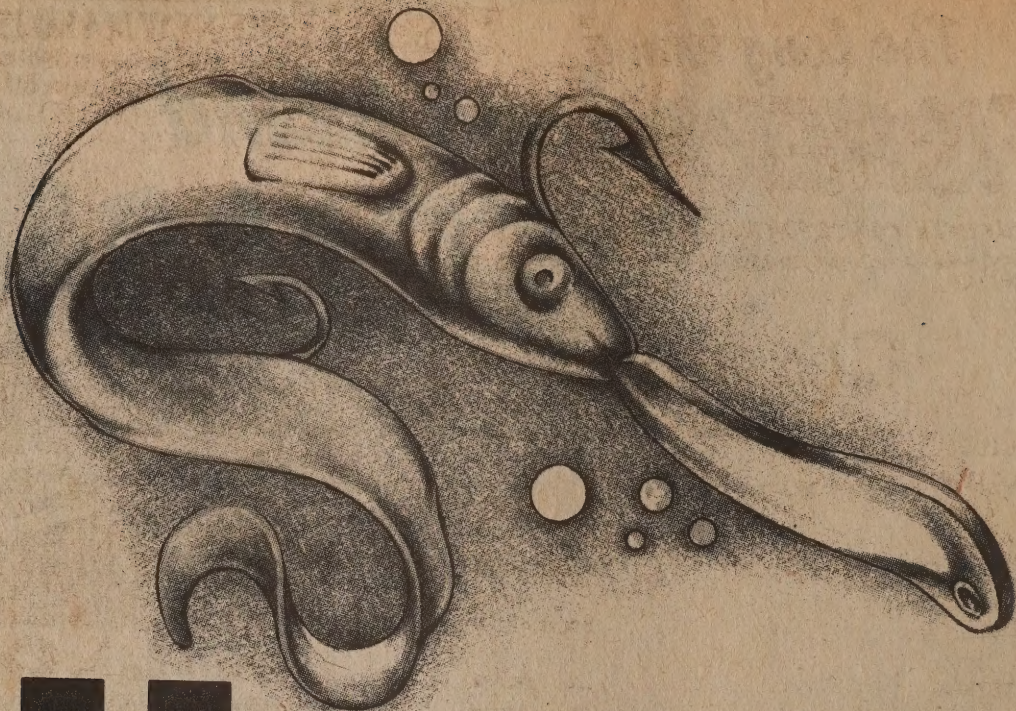
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ABOUT THE COVER: On his first offshore trip Roy Sinclair of Ohio boated this 236 lb. mako aboard the charterboat "Shearwater" with Capt. Don Eichin. This was one of sixteen sharks taken that day southwest of the "HA" buoy.

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EDITORIAL

The question of what to do with a shark after it has been carefully chummed, baited, and defeated is a perplexing one. Most sharks are not really relished at the dinner table and they usually weigh several hundred pounds.

The offshore fisherman who enjoys his sport only occasionally may want to convert the dead beast into a wall mount and of course many Makos will be steaked and eaten.

But many more sharks are wasted. Tournaments are frequently the culprit because lots of sharks are towed to port for weighing instead of being tagged and released.

Recently we learned that some number of dead sharks were cut free in the bay because the captains of some boats, upon approaching the docks, realized that the sharks they were towing would not measure up to other monsters already on the scales.

We believe that this is an unfortunate circumstance. It's great that so many fishermen can scour the offshore ocean in friendly competition fishing for sharks.

These days there are lots of the cartilaginous gamesters and interest in the various species is high. But shouldn't the friendly spirit of competition and comaraderie permit a different system for the evaluation of winners and losers in this age of enlightened ecological concern?

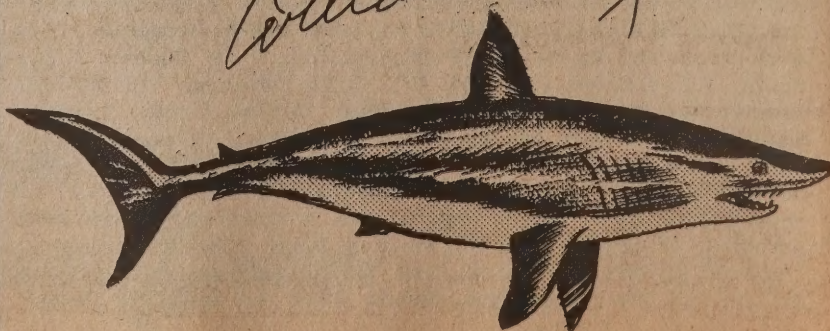
There are many ways to prevent needless slaughter. Perhaps points could be awarded to competing teams on the basis of length and girth measurements on smaller specimens with only a little more trouble than actual weigh-in procedures. The fish could be tagged and released while trophies could be brought to the dock for wall mounts and to fill the freezer.

Another alternative might be to use only the largest shark to take the tournament instead of present systems that encourage teams to pile up points.

It's our feeling at The Fisherman that sharks have a role to play in the stable ecology of the world that is at least as important as other species of fish and therefore the wanton destruction of sharks should be just as abhorant to us as is the senseless slaughter of weakfish, bass blues and the like. We urge offshore fishermen to respect the value of life that sharks represent and we call on Long Island clubs to take the leadership and reexamine their tournament rules. We are confident that the logic of our position will motivate some amount of self examination because they have responded in the past. When it became known that giant tuna were in danger the clubs rallied in support of efforts to protect them.

The catch of any species should be measured for its value on the table, on the wall, or in the water before striking the final blow that is irreversible-death.

William A. Miller



Chum Lines

IS SCOTT SHORT?

I am always intensely interested in any informative articles that appear in LIF, including Scott's knowledgeable efforts.

But unfortunately I was quite taken aback by his latest "Advanced Fluking" article.

Just the idea (especially in today's ecology minded society) of actually advocating the keeping of a short fluke! Which we all know is **BREAKING THE LAW!** That's just for openers! To even suggest cutting the young innocents into strip-bait is abhorrent!

I well remember in my boyhood fluking days the practice was used all the time, but alas, this is another time and era.

It all comes down to us, we must all abide by the law, if everyone kept one or even more small fluke for strip bait, where will be the large fluke to eat these marvelous strip baits.

Please Scott, send a lot of letters concerning our marine ecological predicaments to State and Federal Legislators. Please don't take this letter as a personal rebuttal, but I hope you could justify your position. *Maurice Mahler, New York, N.Y.*

In issue No. 21 in the *Advanced Fluking* series dealing with strip baits, the following sentence appeared: "Personally, I make a point of saving one small fluke each trip for my next starter bait..." The key word is "small"—NOT "short" fluke. And the word small in this case is relative to the two paragraphs directly above the sentence in question: "The metal of a fluke fisherman is put to the test when he is confronted with the dilemma of butchering a five-pounder [fluke] for bait..." and "Large baits, when fished with the proper rig..." I think if Maurice were to reread the article, he may realize that he may have read something into it subconsciously. *Scott S.*

News Releases

ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORY FOR LONG ISLAND

The Marine Environmental Council of Long Island is compiling information for a 1976 bicentennial environmental directory of Long Island groups involved in conservation and environmental protection. It will include both

citizen and governmental organizations.

Forms for groups interested in being listed in the directory may be obtained by writing to M.E.C.L.I. P.O. Box 55, Seaford, Long Island N.Y. 11783. The cut off date is Dec. 1, 1975

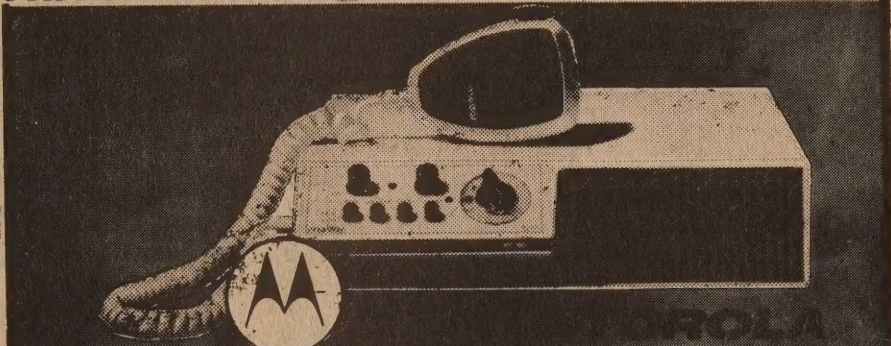
SPORTSMEN'S COOPERATION SEEKED

The National Marine Fisheries Service is conducting an extensive survey of the sport fishery for bluefin tuna off the mid-Atlantic coast of the U.S. this summer. As a part of our study we are contracting with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to perform tagging of small bluefin in this area. The tagging work will be conducted from sport fishing vessels donated by cooperating sportsmen along the New Jersey and New York

coasts. We have several boats available at present, however we need additional vessels, particularly during July off the New Jersey area. The only requirement is that the donated vessel be large enough to conduct trolling and tagging operations and be available with a captain. The vessel will troll for bluefin tuna and two taggers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will be aboard to tag any tuna captured.

I would greatly appreciate any leads you could give us on sportsfishermen who might be willing to donate their vessel for some period of time this July or August to participate in this research project. Since Woods Hole is conducting the tagging portion of the survey, please contact: Mr. Frank J. Mather, III, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

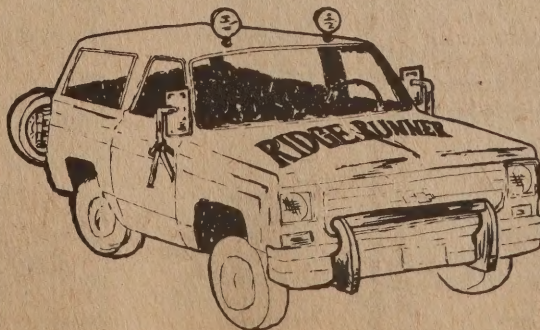
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FRESHWATER FISHING

with Angelo Peluso

FISHING GUIDE

Contained within the boundaries of Long Island exists some 5,600 acres of fresh water which takes the form of lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. The water holds such diverse populations of fish that the L.I. angler is able to pursue, with the exception of some New York State "exotics" (Pike, muskie, salmon), a wide variety of fresh water game and non-game species. Though much attention is paid to the significant bass and trout population, the Island of Long harbors some fairly respectable panfish, certainly worth angling for.

I hope that the following chat of some of the more popular areas will serve as a guide to those of you who will venture forth to give the Island's "sweet" water a try.

With the lazy days of summer presently upon us, I can't think of a better way to pass the time than to do a little fishing. The fresh water is here and the fish are just waiting; you'll be surprised at the quality.

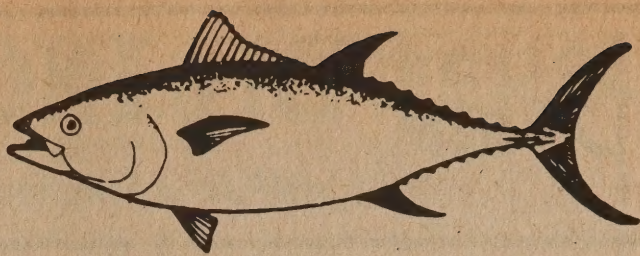


KEY

Brook Trout (Speckled) -ST
Brown Trout -BT
Rainbow Trout -RT
Smallmouth Bass -SB
Largemouth Bass -LB
Chain Pickerel -CP
Bluegill -BG
Pumpkinseed -PS
Black Crappie -BC
Yellow Perch -TP
White Perch -WP
Brown Bullhead -BB
Rock Bass -RB

BODY OF WATER	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH PRESENT
New Mill Pond	Smithtown	BG, LB, PS, YP, BB
Belmont Lake	Belmont State Park	LB, CP, BG, PS, YP, BB
Southards Pond	West of Deer Pk Ave.	LB, CP, BG, PS, YP, BB
Lake Ronkonkoma	Ronkonkoma	LB, CP, PS, YP, BB, RB
Lace Mill Pond	Patchogue	LB, PS, YP, BB, BC
Hard's Lake	Southaven Park	ST, BT, RT, LB, BG, PS, YP, BB
Lower Lake	Yaphank	ST, LB, YP, BB
Upper Lake	Yaphank	ST, LB, YP, BB
Kahlers Pond	Moriches	ST, BT, LB, PS, YP, BB
Forge Pond	Calverton	LB, CP, BG, PS, YP, WP, BB, BC
Upper Mill Pond	East of Forge Pond	LB, CP, BG, PS, YP, WP, BB, BC
Wildwood Lake	Riverhead	BT, RT, LB, CP, BG, PS, YP, WP, BB, RB
Laurel Lake	Laurel	BT, SB, LB, CP, PS, YP, WP, BB
Big Fresh Pond	North Sea	LB, CP, BG, PS, YP, WP, BB
Water Mill Pond	Water Mill	LB, CP, PS, YP, WP, BB
Kellis Pond	Bridgehampton	LB, CP, PS, YP, WP, BB
Fresh Pond	Hither Hills	LB, YP
Fort Pond	Montauk	LB, SB, YP, WP
Carlls River	Babylon	BT, ST
Carmans River	Southaven Park	BT, ST, RT
Champlins Creek	Islip	ST
Nissequogue River	Smithtown	ST, BT
Orowoc Creek	Islip	ST
Swan River	Patchogue	ST
Avon Manor Pond	Amityville	ST
Freeport Reservoir	Freeport	ST
Massapequa Reser.	Massapequa	ST, BT

NEW ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA LEGISLATION



On June 16, 1975, the House passed H.R. 5522, the bill to give effect to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Early action is expected by the Senate on this legislation which, as passed by the House, requires the Secretary of Commerce to promulgate regulations within 30 days of its enactment to implement the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) concerning bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus thynnus*) proposed at the third regular meeting of the council.

In view of the need to inform the affected public of intended actions as early as possible under this authority, the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service advises that, subject to the final version of the legislation passed by Congress, the enclosed regulations will be promulgated to apply to the 1975 season. The form and format of the enclosed regulations may be modified prior to final promulgation, but the substantive aspects—the seasons, quotas, bag limits, etc.—are not expected to change substantially.

We cannot predict the exact date that bluefin tuna regulations will be promulgated, but the information below should assist resource users in developing plans for the forthcoming fishing season.

ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA (*Thunnus thynnus thynnus*)

I. Catch Quota

The total annual catch quotas, by method of taking, for Atlantic bluefin tuna are as follows:

(a) Purse seining:

(1) The total annual catch quota for Atlantic bluefin tuna that weigh between 14 pounds (6.4 kg.) round weight and 115 pounds (52.3 kg.) round weight is 1,100 short tons.

(2) The total annual catch quota for Atlantic bluefin tuna that weigh in excess of 300 pounds (136.4 kg.) round weight is 200 short tons.

(b) Taking by other than purse seining:

(1) The total annual catch of Atlantic bluefin tuna which weigh in excess of 300 pounds round weight is 2,250 tuna of which no more than 200 tuna shall be taken south of a line extending from the entrance to Chatham Harbor, Massachusetts east into the Atlantic Ocean.

(2) A person may take and possess up to four Atlantic bluefin tuna per day by angling, which weigh between 14 and 115 pounds round weight, except as set forth in paragraph III.

II. Prohibitions

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or vessel: (1) to take Atlantic bluefin tuna weighing less than 14 pounds (6.4 kg.) round weight (a bluefin tuna weighing 14 pounds will be 27 inches (68 cm.) in length when measured in a straight line from tip of the nose to the fork of the tail) except as provided for in paragraph III; or (2) to take Atlantic bluefin tuna in excess of the catch quotas established by paragraph I and tolerances established by paragraph III.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any persons: (1) to possess Atlantic bluefin tuna taken in violation of these regulations; (2) to fail to comply with the reporting requirements under paragraph V; and to engage in any commercial activity (buying or selling) in territorial waters or on the high seas regarding Atlantic bluefin tuna without prior approval from the Director.

III. Size and Weight Tolerance

(a) Purse seine vessels taking Atlantic bluefin tuna weighing more than 14 pounds but less than 115 pounds round weight, may, in addition, incidentally take on any one trip Atlantic bluefin tuna outside said weight limits provided, however, that the number of such tuna taken shall not exceed either 15 percent of the total number of tuna taken which do not exceed said limits, or 4 percent by weight of the total weight of tuna taken which do not exceed said limits.

(b) Anglers fishing for bluefin tuna, which weigh between 14 and 115 pounds round weight, may include in the daily catch limitation one bluefin tuna of less than 14 pounds and one bluefin tuna greater than 115 pounds but less than 300 pounds. (A bluefin tuna weighing 115 pounds will be 56 inches long and a 300-pound bluefin will be 75 inches long when measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail.)

(c) All tuna taken incidentally shall be included in catch quotas set forth under paragraph I.

IV. Open and Closed Seasons

(a) The Director shall announce in the Federal Register the closing of the season or area for the taking of Atlantic bluefin tuna. In determining when a season or area shall be closed, the Director will take into consideration the number or tons, as the case may be, of bluefin tuna taken prior to the date these regulations are promulgated.

V. Reporting Requirements.

(a) Dealers: Dealers shall maintain and furnish to an authorized representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service, within 72 hours of a commercial activity involving any Atlantic bluefin tuna, a complete record of all transactions, showing the numbers and individual round or dressed weights, date of transaction, source, and disposition.

(b) Vessels: The master or operator of any vessel that takes an Atlantic bluefin tuna in excess of 300 pounds round weight shall keep an accurate record of the fishing operations and shall mail or deliver this information in writing to the National Marine Fisheries Service or its authorized representative within 72 hours of landing. The record shall include the vessel name, master or operator's name, the fishing method used that caught the tuna, the date and place caught, round weight, the disposition of the tuna, and dealer's name and address when appropriate. If such tuna is not taken for commercial purposes, the master or operator of the catching vessel must nonetheless tag and report in the manner provided in section (c) below.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of the first dealer to purchase or otherwise obtain a bluefin tuna in excess of 300 pounds round weight to affix upon the tail, through the fleshy part of the keel on the peduncle, an individually numbered tag furnished by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The dealer shall complete the numbered card furnished with the tag and mail the card to the National Marine Fisheries Service within 72 hours of receipt of such tuna.

(d) The affixed tag must remain in place until such tuna is being processed, packed for export, or otherwise disposed of, at which time the dealer shall remove a 3-6 inch section of the tail (caudal peduncle) containing the tag, notify an authorized representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service and retain the tail piece and the tag together for collection by said representative.

VI. Expiration of Regulations

(a) All regulations and requirements promulgated herein shall expire at 2400 hours December 31, 1975, or sooner upon publication of notice in the Federal Register.



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DIVING

with John Fennimore

BLOCK ISLAND

A storm was blowing hard as my brother and I listened to the Montauk radio operator calling the boats in. A Boston Whaler police boat was also rounding up those who took no heed to weather conditions. We waited, uncertainty heavy in the air. The temperature dropped ten degrees in fifteen minutes, rain began to fall, and the wind blew furiously. Rich and I were about ready to give up on them, when out of the stormy gloom sailed the R/V Black Coral. She landed at Gosman's Dock where we boarded her and loaded our scuba gear.

That morning we left Montauk and sailed into the Atlantic in search of the wreck of the U-853. It was a German submarine which terrorized the coast in the closing days of the World War II, and was the last submarine to be sunk in the war. Its fatal mistake was to sink the collier Black Point which alerted task forces to its presence. The loran signals were off, so we couldn't get a proper fix. Giving up, we headed for Block Island and made a dive on the Montana.

The Montana was a wooden triple-masted schooner which sank in 1864. Its cargo was coal and brass valves. Sea lore tells us it was suspected of being a blockade runner during the Civil War. Resting in 90 feet of water, just outside of the harbor, she now provides a home to many small fish and is a good "dig" for the souvenir-hunting diver. Many old coins have been recovered from this wreck. Anchors, brass spikes, decking and many other bits on nautical memorabilia have also been brought up.

The first dive is always the most

exciting. Visibility on this particular day was twenty feet. The water was a lovely emerald green in color, cold and refreshing. The wreck is quite broken up, but you still could make out some hull configurations. Piles of coal and cobble stones were everywhere.

The biggest conger eels I have ever seen were hiding in the numerous holes in the wreck. I had a lobster hook with me. This is just a metal shaft with a sharp-hooked end. I teased one eel with it and he came out madder than hell and bit the hook several times. This told me that these guys weren't to be fooled with.

The visibility began to decrease as divers looked for artifacts and flipped around. I searched for lobsters but found only two puny specimens, probable testimony to the over-efficient lobster-trapping practices. It's hard to figure this wreck out, so I was glad I'd given it a thorough going over, so we sailed into Block Island.

Early the following day we made out way back to the Montana for another deep dive. But that wasn't all. After diving there, we had planned to dive a shallow water wreck called the Lightburne. This is an oil tanker which rammed right into the island in February 1939. Now it lies at the foot of Block Island's lighthouse. It seems that the tanker got lost and confused the Block Island light with the one at Point Judith, R.I. Luckily the crew of 37 was rescued by the Coast Guard. She rests in 30 feet of water, and is a marvelous reef.

The second dive on the Montana was better than the first. The visibility stayed at about 20 feet. I uncovered a beautiful coral-incrusted brass spike

and some brass valves were also brought up. We also saw the steam winch which was the only large mechanical power item on the ship. After the dive we refilled our tanks, ate lunch, and did some swimming. Sprawled out on the deck, drying in the sun, we moved on to the Lightburne.

The Lightburne is an easy wreck to locate due to the surface disturbance this massive hulk creates. For us it was an exhausting dive because the Black Coral must stand clear in case the anchor slips; we had to swim quite a distance to get to her. The visibility here too was about 20 feet, but because of the depth it was much more lit up.

The Lightburne is big, but you can see most of it because of your increased bottom time. This is not a wreck for the souvenir hunting diver, but is just great for the photographer and underwater hunter.

Lurking in the many compartments in this wreck, are found some really big blackfish. I'm talking about fish that weigh 5-8 pounds. Care must be exercised, though, because there is a great suction force: you must be ready to brace yourself at all times.

That night we had an exceptionally good time on the island. It was a fine way to say "good-bye"; in the morning we would try again for the sub.

The winds blew hard once more. The skies were gray and it was drizzling a little; the seas were running about six feet, but the Black Coral crashed through them. This bombardment lasted for hours.

Out of the 22 people on board, only 6 of us were alive. You either went to sleep or you fought the "wooziness" by doing things. I chose to fight it. I was on the marker-buoy committee, whose job was to make, drop at the proper time, and watch marker buoys. They were the old plastic bottle type.

The captain yelled, "Drop it" when the sonar mapped out the wreck. But even using binoculars, everything we threw in was immediately lost to the sea. A big red spar buoy was dumped, but we were out of range in minutes.

It was much too dangerous to dive under these conditions; this wreck has claimed one diver that I know of. We gave up and sailed back to Block Island. There two divers make a final dive, then back to Montauk, the end to a great dive trip.

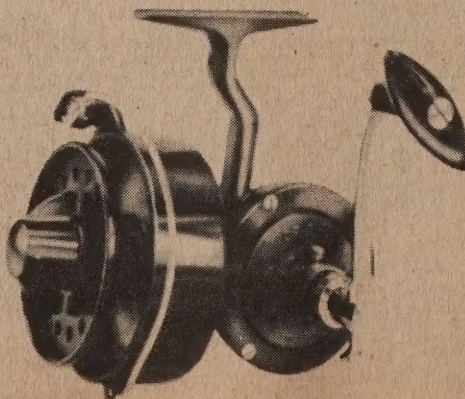
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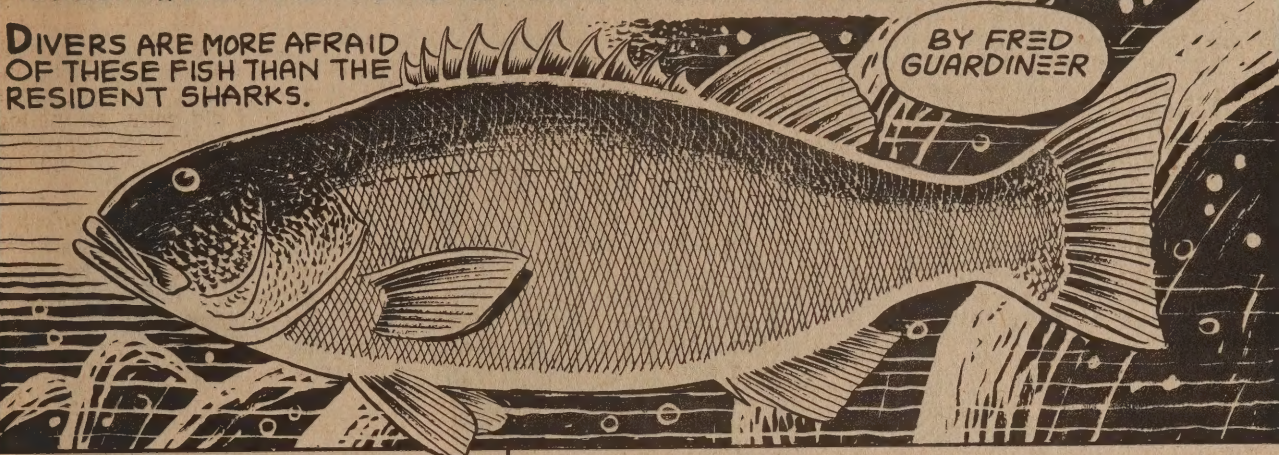


UNUSUAL PEOPLE EATERS

GIANT BLACK SEA BASS, ALSO CALLED JEW FISH, WHICH INHABIT THE PACIFIC, INDIAN AND ARABIAN OCEANS INCLUDE PEOPLE ON THEIR BILL OF FARE. WHEN ONE OF THESE FISH IS CAUGHT, IT FEEDS THE NATIVES FOR A MONTH. THESE BIG BASS ARE KNOWN TO SWALLOW HUMANS AND ARE ESPECIALLY FOND OF THE YOUNG TENDER VARIETY OF HOMO SAPIENS WHEN TAKING A SWIM.

DIVERS ARE MORE AFRAID OF THESE FISH THAN THE RESIDENT SHARKS.

BY FRED GUARDINEER



THE SOUTH AMERICAN PIRANHA IS CONSIDERED HARMLESS TO HUMANS ALTHOUGH THEY CAN REDUCE A COW TO A SKELETON IN A MATTER OF MINUTES. THEY JUST GIVE YOU A LITTLE NIP NOW AND THEN...

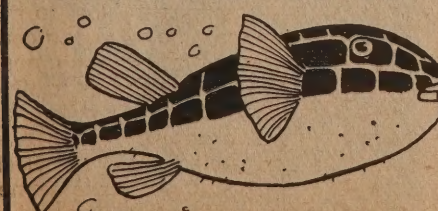


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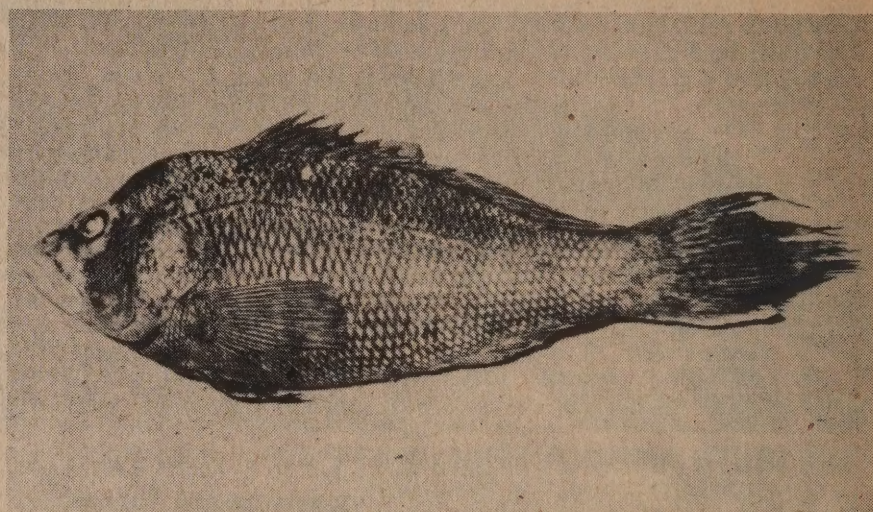
with Scott Simons

SEABASS TIME

The seabass is probably the most under rated and under fished of the game fishes found in Long Island waters. This is unfortunate because, pound for pound, the seabass is the hardest fighting fish around—testified to by the fact that the International Game Fish Association recognizes them as gamefish despite the relatively small size obtained. The All-Tackle Record for seabass is a puny 8 lbs.

If you can't understand this game fish status, then you haven't caught a humpbacked seabass. Last fall I was squidding with a 4 oz. diamond jig at Montauk and hooked-up with what I estimated to be a 10 to 12 lb. striped bass—imagine my surprise when a 3 pound humpback seabass came to the surface! In addition to their fighting abilities, seabass are delicate table fare, demanding top dollar at the Fulton Fish Market. They often go for a dollar and more a pound at the same time the fluke, porgy, bluefish or weakfish are bringing only twenty to fifty cents.

Seabass are usually found at the same bottom formations which blackfish like to inhabit—rocky shoals, reefs, sunken wrecks and any wreckage strewn bottom. As with most bottom feeding species, locating these



The three-pound-plus seabass taken by the author last fall at Montauk on a diamond jig: Notice the large "hump" on the forehead, which is the basis for the nickname "humpback" seabass.

fish-harboring locations is half the battle. In deep water they make their initial appearance in late May and are abundant throughout June until the inshore waters begin to warm. During July and August the fish are more difficult to locate, with the larger "humpback" seabass seeking the deeper water around ocean wrecks and banks and the smaller "pin" bass often spread out over the south shore bays. In the fall they begin to school up on the wrecks and reefs in both the ocean and inlet areas before their migration. This period usually provides the hottest seabass fishing of the season.

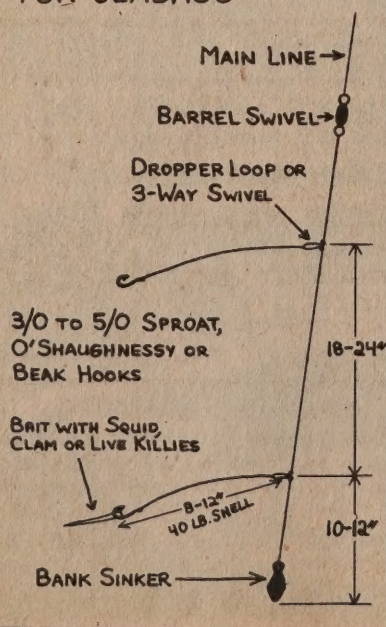
Rigging up for seabass is the simple high-low rig. Use 3/0 to 5/0 Sproat, O'Shaughnessy or Beak hooks with stiff 40 lb. snells 8 to 12 inches long. Don't be afraid of going too large in the hook department—seabass have large mouths and aren't hook shy. As always, needle sharp hooks are a must. Attach the bottom hook to the leader about twelve inches above the sinker by means of a dropper loop or 3-way swivel. Attach the second hook to the leader about 18 to 24 inches above the first and you're in business. Use a bank sinker just heavy enough to hold the rig on bottom and make sure to tie plenty of rigs in advance—you will be fishing over rugged bottom and are likely to lose quite a few.

The best all-around bait for seabass

is a 4-inch pennant-shaped piece of squid. Embed the hook once through the wide end of the strip about an eighth of an inch down so that it will flutter enticingly in the current. Another excellent bait for seabass is skimmer clam, but if there is an abundance of porgies in the area they will usually beat the seabass to the bait. If this is the case (and it often is), stick with the squid, or if you are using bunker for chum put a whole tear-shaped bunker heart on the hook—the piece de resistance to seabass! Large, live killies are also a hard bait to beat for all size ranges of seabass. Hook the killie once through the lips and let the fish play with it a little before setting the hook. If using skimmer clams, cut the bait so that each slice has a portion of the soft stomach of the clam.

Chumming is essential to successful seabassing because the fish are usually in a confined area and drifting will only provide short flurries of action. The best chum for seabass is clam bellies, followed at a distance by ground moss bunker. It's most economical to purchase chum in 30 pound cans, which is often enough for two and even three trips. Chip out the largest block of chum that will fit in your chumpot and put it in. As the chum defrosts, a steady stream of juices and bits of meat will be fed into the current, hopefully drawing the

HI-LOW RIG FOR SEABASS



seabass from the surrounding area to the boat. At the end of the day, take the remaining chum home and put it into a quart or half-gallon waxed milk container and place them in the freezer—ready made frozen blocks of chum for a future fishing trip! Avoid allowing a can of clam bellies to sit in the direct rays of the sun—they will quickly sour and be ineffective on subsequent uses.

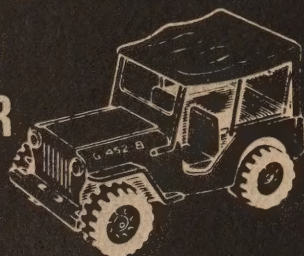
Whenever using bait for seabass, it should be kept active. Squid can be jigged softly off the bottom regularly to attract foraging seabass from a distance. Killies should also be raised and lowered off the bottom, and only the liveliest of fish should be used for bait—dead or weak killies just don't turn a seabass on. Hooking a seabass is usually no big thing—just wait until he tries to take your rod away from you and hit him hard with one sweep of the rod. It's a good idea to carry a net for the larger humpbacks and those seabass that are lightly lip hooked.

Diamond jigging is another excellent technique of taking seabass, particularly the "humpback" variety. Use a 1½ to 3 oz. A 27 type diamond jig with treble hooks and unadorned with any bait. Lower it to the bottom, and as soon as it touches make one or two turns of the reel handle to get the jig away from any bottom obstructions. Lower the rod tip to within six inches of the surface of the water and begin to jig with a sharp lift to a 60 degree angle between rod and water. Then quickly lower the rod tip so that the jig flutters and flashes as it sinks to the bottom. Repeat the jigging action the instant the slack line straightens out, never allowing the jig to be motionless. Jigging is an excellent method for locating pockets of fish so that you may anchor and chum. When the drift is too fast to hold bottom or the bottom obstructions are claiming too many rigs, Try jigging—it's dynamite, and you have the added bonus of that occasional striped bass or bluefish that will hit the jig!

Last year was a banner season for the seabass, which continue to make a tremendous comeback from their great scarcity of the 1960's. Hotspots at Montauk were the Frisbee and North Grounds, Cartwright Banks and on the south side of the Point. Both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets had a good run of small seabass in the fall and the deep water obstructions off the south shore and New York Bight produced well all season. Some of the better producing areas were the Cholera Banks, Stone Wreck, the Farms, Angler Banks, C.O.D. Wreck, Iberia wreck, 17 Fathoms and the McAllister Grounds. But as noted before, seabass have received scant attention from fishermen, so I'm sure

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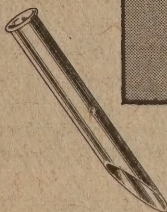
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that there are all kinds of great seabass hotspots out there for the angler who spends a little time and fuel to find them.

One final word about seabass—one of the most beautiful sights that a fisherman will ever see is a seabass coming to the surface at dusk as the sun goes down. They have spectacular

iridescent colors of blue, gold and silver that left me in awe the first time I saw one. I know, it has little to do with the fundamentals of fishing—but sometimes there is more to fishing than just catching fish...ask any surfcaster.





Surf Side

with Doc Muller

Weeks At Shagwong

Well here we go again! Right on schedule the weeks have arrived at Montauk and they are stuffing themselves silly with sandeels. This is quite a year for the string bean shaped baitfish. They seem to be everywhere and if they hang in there until the fall we may have some of the fastest surface fishing that we've seen in many years.

I was there the end of June and the clouds, that's right, it is the only way you can describe them, of sandeels are so thick that it is a problem to keep the lure free of them.

I received a call the other day from a friend who recently returned from Shagwong and apparently hit the fish at their peak. He said he had twenty fish one night and forty-five the next evening! The fish are running mostly between four and six pounds with an occasional larger and smaller fish thrown in to spice things up.

Needless to say this report prompted several other members of our club

to head east to Montauk and they weren't disappointed.

The fish are there all day but they are too far off the beach for the shore bound angler. Large pods of weeks erupt constantly but the surfman can only sit and watch until dusk. As the light fades the baitfish, and the weeks right behind them, move into the shallows and that's when everybody scores—and I do mean everybody!

There are several interesting aspects to this fishing that I'd like to explore one at a time. These are: productive tidal periods, productive sections of the beach, successful lures, and the best tackle.

First, outgoing tide is usually productive at Shagwong but amazingly there are so many weeks and so much bait that the fish have been hitting regardless of the stage of the tide as long as it's dark. How long this phenomena will last is difficult to judge. The fact that the fish are smashing every lure that's thrown at

them in spite of the fact that the place is lousy with bait is also unusual. Often when there is so much bait your offering becomes lost in the soup of bait. But these fish are either stupid or very hungry because they do not care about the abundance of sandeels.

The next amazing turn of the screw is where the fish can be taken. Usually, the point itself at Shagwong, and the long bar that stretches east is the place to nail these fish. But right now if you can settle for a fish every fifth or sixth cast instead of every cast you can catch the weeks right near the jetty! In fact anywhere along the beach from the jetty to Shagwong will produce.

Fred Schwab made the trip the other day and did well. What amazed Fred was that at times he'd get three, four, or five hits on a single cast.

The fact that these fish can be had along the entire beach may become important when the crowds become unbearable. Right now there are so many weeks that most fishermen retire to their buggies after an hour or two because they have had their fill. Therefore, a crowded beach situation never really develops because the fishermen turnover rate is fast.

What would you think is the best lure to use on these fish? Plastic shrimp, or bucktails, or tiny swimming plugs perhaps? O.K. Let me retell a few case histories to demonstrate how really frantic this fishing is. A few fishermen came armed for bear and arriving on the scene discovered weeks and they only brought along the biggest kinds of plugs. Four ounce darters and bottle plugs. These guys didn't do as well as some others and they had to settle for only a few dozen. Other anglers began experimenting after they had all the fish that they wanted. Would you believe a three ounce Tri-Fin eel caught plenty of weeks too.

Still the best producing lures were the small Redfins, Rapalas, and Rebels. Silver, white, yellow were the most consistent choices of the fishermen.

Tackle on these occasions is as diverse as the plugs. Some fishermen are waylaid on their course to fish bait for bass. But when they see this kind of action they stop cold and start casting. So you may see big stiff conventional gear or ultralight spin-

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Although it is impossible to tell how long this hot and heavy action will remain at peak form, good weakfishing at Shagwong should hold up for a couple of weeks and you should try to plan a trip before you miss out. After Shagwong dies we will only see occasional weaks, perhaps under the light or on bait, until the fall when schools will chase baitfish up tight along the south side beaches. But then most of us are usually interested in the fall run bass and it's hard to budge us off that train of thought.

A final note. If you have fish tags, please remember to bring them to Montauk because you are sure to have ample fish for tagging and release. If you release the fish remember that many of them will be very fatigued because of light tackle and heavy tide. So be patient. There are plenty more weeks out there and a few seconds to revive a fish that you plan to release will help to insure its survival.



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Sea Bass

by Matt Ahern



Been keeping an eye on sea bass lately? If you haven't, I can hardly blame you.

With the phenomenal increase in weakfish and fluke catches, every fisherman's attention seems to be centered on the pursuit of these gamesters. It appears sea bass have been lost in the shuffle.

It's a shame, too, because last year these scrappy relatives of the striper made a most welcome reappearance in areas stretching from Montauk to northern New Jersey. There were many unexpected catches last summer, catches that surprised and delighted hundreds of local anglers fishing the offshore wrecks and banks.

I know from first-hand experience that the Cholera Banks was one spot that produced fish. While ling fishing here last July with five other fishermen, I was surprised to see fair-sized sea bass coming up regularly throughout the day. We had fifty-one by actual count.

On the way in, an experimental stop was made at the Stone wreck and we took thirteen more, including a dock-weighted three-pounder.

Definitely, sea bass are increasing in numbers.

Now, 64 sea bass for six fishermen isn't a world-shaking event. But for the experienced sea bass fisherman, who often totaled his summer catch in the hundreds then watched it dwindle to zero over the years, it's iron-clad proof that these fish are making a comeback.

Last summer, from July to late September, my buddies and I caught sea bass from the following local wrecks: Steel wreck, Coal wreck, C.O.D. wreck and the old Iberia off Long Beach. Several more forays were made on the Cholera Banks and, while not getting as many as the first time, we always managed a dozen or more.

As usual, though, wreck fishing produced best; most successful fishing being on the wrecks listed. It was from these areas where catches of a dozen to seventy-five fish were taken. There's no reason to believe sea bass won't be at these spots again this summer.

My favorite outfit for sea bass is a seven foot medium-weight boat rod equipped with a Penn 155 reel filled

with 30 pound test monofilament. It has the "oomph!" to drive home the hook in depths to a hundred feet. With it I've caught an eighteen pound blue that pounced on a slice of skimmer meant for porgies and a thirty-two pound cod that struck a diamond jig while mackerel fishing.

I stress using this type tackle because sea bass fishing is always best in fairly deep water, making the use of bank sinkers of from five to eight ounces necessary. Because of this, a spinning outfit will be found to be a poor choice. Using light, whippy stuff under such conditions will cause only frustration and loss of fish.

Look for sea bass concentrations on rock-cluttered and wreckage-strewn bottoms. Seldom are they caught on open sand, silt, or gravel, although mussel bottom will sometimes produce. If you are unsure of where to try, a good rule of thumb is to fish the deep water areas where blackfish were caught last spring and fall. There you will find sea bass during summer.

One of the nice things about these fish is that they are easy to catch. Never fussy as to bait, sea bass greedily accept secured skimmer and squid. China-back fiddlers and green crab often work well. Any strip of fish bait is good, and for humpbacks, live killies are hard to beat.

A diamond jig, sweetened with a piece of squid and flashed two feet off bottom, is seldom refused, especially during slack tide periods. Sand and bloodworms will produce fish, but should be used only on grounds known to be free of bait-stealing bergalls.

The best rig is the common deep-sea high-low rig. (Leaders aren't necessary for sea bass except under certain conditions, of which more later.) Because sea bass have large mouths, preferred hooks are 3/0 to 5/0 Sproats, Limericks and O'Shaughnessy's in that order. These are best when snelled on ten-inch leader material. Snells longer than this are apt to cause fouling, especially when wreck fishing.

Contrary to what some fishermen believe, I've never found sea bass to be line shy, so heavier snells can be used to good advantage. Hooks snelled with 30 or 40 pound leader material offer the fisherman an

opportunity to recover some of his terminal gear when snagged on wreckage or rough bottom.

When wreck fishing, tie the first hook directly to the line a snell length above the sinker; the second, high enough to clear the first. Don't use three-way swivels: they are sure to become snagged.

When fishing rock-obstructed bottoms and ledges such as exist on the Cholera Banks, 17 Fathom Bank, Offshore Sea Bright, the Farms, Angler Banks, the Subway Grounds south of Ambrose Tower and the McAllister Grounds off Long Beach, you'll find sea bass swimming much lower than around sunken wrecks. Better results will be obtained by making sure the bait lies on bottom. To do this, tie the first hook two inches above the sinker; attach the second about eighteen inches higher.

It is also on such rocky bottom that an experimenting fisherman can get in his licks by using a two foot leader of 30 pound test leader material baited with a tapered four-inch strip of squid.

Place this three feet above the sinker and be sure to allow at least two inches of bait to flutter in the current. This rig will nail any available humpbacks.

Without question, squid is an excellent bait for humpbacks, but I often find live killies more tempting to these bigger fish. If at all possible, bring some about two inches long and place one on the leaded hook by running the point in the mouth and out the gill cover.

There is only one thing of prime importance to remember: The killie must be lively. I have never caught a large sea bass on a weak or dead killie.

When using a killie this way, the fisherman must pay strict attention to what's going on down below. Unless you are drifting, sea bass will not hit a killie with the same gusto as when you're using skimmer squid. What you feel are short, sluggish tugs, as if the fish were trying to back off with the killie. This is exactly what it's doing.

When this happens, immediately throw the reel into free-spool and pay close attention as the line peels out. Don't be over-anxious to set the hook at this stage. If you do, you're sure to

miss him. I've given some sea bass as much as ten feet before they decided to swallow the bait.

You'll know when he's ready to stop playing around and get to serious business. He'll suddenly go into high gear with a powerful flick of his tail, pouring on the steam. His strength will amaze you.

It isn't necessary to set the hook. Just throw the reel into gear and stop him cold. Doing this automatically plants the hook. You'll find these fish to be large, almost always humpbacks.

Having large mouths, sea bass can accept a good-sized piece of bait. But this doesn't mean you should use cod-sized chunks. It's not that the bass will shy away from too large a piece, but rather that it will be easier to strip the hook. There is nothing foxy about sea bass when using skimmer or squid, just remember to use a medium-sized bait. Better to err on the small side than use a piece too large.

Skimmer should be cut to include some of the soft belly with each slice. This is what sea bass relish. When using squid, slice into four-inch strips about 3/4-inch wide. Run the hook through several times, allowing some to hang free. It's also a good idea to

use a mallet and tap each strip gently, allowing oils and juices to flow into the current. These little "extras" will put fish in the bucket.

Sea bass are more apt to hit a moving bait than one which lies dead, becoming prey for larcenous bergalls. Jig, especially when fishing over the banks.

Angling over wrecks sometimes puts a crimp in the jigging activity by causing the terminal gear to foul. If this happens, remove the lower hook and put your faith in the top hook. Lift the rod slowly, testing for obstructions. You'll find the bass hitting the instant the bait is moved. If fishing clutter-free areas, by all means action should be given the bait by jigging the rod in one foot sweeps.

Drifting for sea bass isn't recommended. Not because it doesn't work; it does. The main objection is that the feeding fish are often in a limited area and the drifting boat passes over these spots before more than a few fish can be caught. Better to select a spot known to harbor sea bass, and anchor. If they are there, they'll soon be coming up. Sea bass always cooperate with the fisherman.

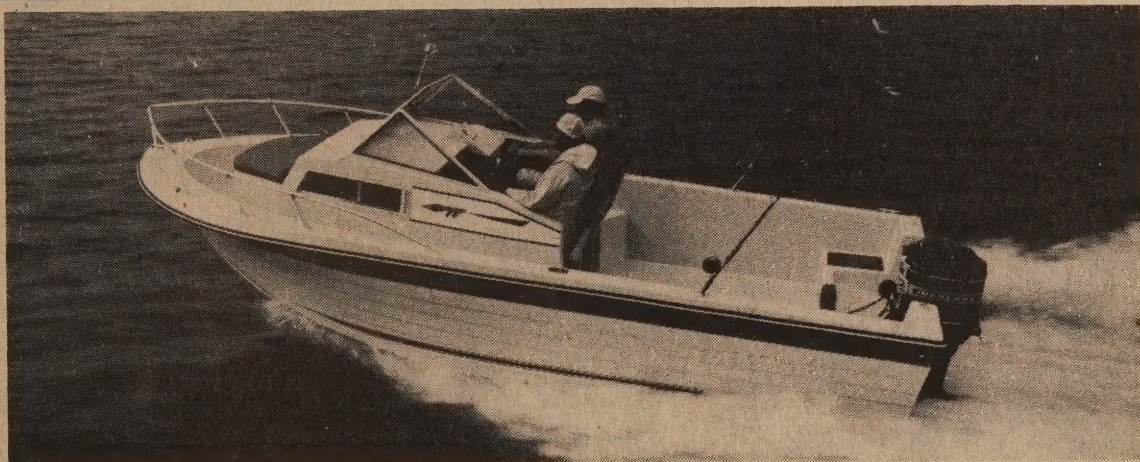
Blackfish and porgies are often caught while sea bass fishing. Fortun-

ately, the fisherman doesn't have to rig separately for these fish. The same high-low rig, with but one minor change, will take blackfish and porgies. Just replace the bottom hook with a 1/0 claw or beak type. For porgies, use squid or skimmer; for blacks, skimmer or crab.

Handle sea bass carefully. They can, and will, puncture careless fingers with their needle-sharp dorsal fins—as many startled fishermen have discovered.

Sea bass are excellent eating, and if you prepare them according to your favorite recipe you'll find none better.

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Fishing the Ponquogue Bridge

by Tom Farre

Bridge-fishing is alive and well in Florida, but far too few Long Island anglers ever wet a line in this manner because there are few local bridges where fishing is allowed. I know of one place, and if anyone were to ask me how the fishing was, I could give them an unqualified "pretty good."

The place I am talking about is the Ponquogue Bridge in Hampton Bays. This old wooden drawbridge spans Shinnecock Bay about one-half mile west of the inlet and, remarkably enough, fishing from the western side is tolerated, if not encouraged, by the local powers-that-be. Even the old-timers find the going painfully slow at times, but, as so often happens, the fellow who pays close attention to the changing local conditions and who knows what to look for can be rewarded with some really startling catches.

One hot August night that I will always remember, my brother and I fished the incoming tide from dusk till midnight. By the time we were ready to go home, we realized that we had caught a total of five desirable species of fish, all in the two- to four-pound class, and all on the same lures!

Herring, bluefish, weakfish, stripers, and fluke had been fooled by our tube jigs. While I am not suggesting that you can always count on this kind of action, it does point out that just about anything that swims in the bay can be caught around the bridge at night when conditions are right.

We always fish the incoming tide, since its waters tend to take your line away from the bridge, not under it. The outgoing is good for hooking fish under the bridge, but occasionally we like to land a fish, and the barnacled wooden pilings are very tough on the fairly light line we use. Unless you favor a heavy pole with 40 lb. test line, the incoming is better.

Ideal conditions occur when the slack of the ebb coincides with the setting sun. The calm period is good for getting stripers and blues to hit plugs and tin-squids; usually, with the exception of the Rebel, these lures stop producing after it gets dark.

As often as not, when the water begins to move again, lively schools of big herring appear. Their flashing and surface splashes are clearly visible, as is the effect they have on some fishermen, who, not being sure what

they are or how to catch them, seem to lose their heads over these active fish. More on that later.

When the herring arrive, you can expect there to be enough bait in the water to attract some other fish, too. Always be alert for any signs of unusual baitfish; on the spectacular night I mentioned, we had earlier seen some professionals net hundreds of pounds of sardine-sized herring and, sure enough, a school of escapees had dispersed under the bridge. When this happens and the tide is right, you had better have steady nerves, and an extra fish-bag along.

Our medium-action spinning gear is equipped with 10-pound test line, but any tackle that allows you to comfortably cast a small jig is okay. You don't need a light since the bridge is fairly well illuminated, but you do need a platform of some kind to fish from: the fence is a little too high to reach over from a standing position. My brother favors a small scaffold that he hooks to the fence. I use a short stepladder, but anything that gives you steady footing about three feet off the ground will do very well. A flying gaff or a landing net of some kind is useful, unless you enjoy having your hard-earned fish shake themselves off as you try to lift them in hand-over-hand.

Bucktails in white or yellow produce well, especially two in tandem, about a foot apart. Plastic shrimp catch fish too, but the best and most consistent producers for us have been homemade tube jigs that look something like small bait tails. We attach about two inches of stiff surgical tubing 3/8 in diameter to a small shaddart head.

These tubes catch everything, but they are unquestionably the best artificial bait for herring. We have seen these fish ignore everything while engaged in what appears to be a feeding frenzy, only to strike the tube repeatedly, and with abandon. Once hooked, they give a good account of themselves on light tackle, fighting furiously on the surface until they become exhausted.

We cast sideways, trying to get the lure to land as close to the ridge as possible, and then retrieve just fast enough to keep the lure at mid-water level. For fluke, drag the bottom. Sometimes a darting, hopping presentation works best, but generally we have found the "do nothing" retrieve

most effective: you simply hold the rod motionless as you reel.

The plastic shrimp is an exception to this; you should make it dart like a shrimp or wounded fish by jerking the rod. Usually the strike comes midway on the retrieve, or just as the lure hits the water, but every now and then a hungry blue will seem to snatch your lure in mid-air as you are lifting it from the water.

The fish seem to prefer the shadowy areas near the bridge, but there are times when they are way out. One night, the only fellow to have any luck was letting his bucktail drift out with the current about fifty yards. Then, rather than retrieve, he jigged it in place. He caught a couple of weaks and a nice striper before we tried this. Then we did well, too.

We usually fish on the north side under a light, letting out casts fall in the murky waters to either side, but if you fish the bridge enough, you'll see that just about every spot has its advocates. They all produce well over a period of time.

Stick with it, and even if you don't catch anything at first, you will have the opportunity to observe waters teeming with bait, eels, crabs, and just enough mystery to make it exciting.



The Long Island **FISHERMAN** **FISHING TRIP** **CONTEST**

The person with license number 355-QFM failed to call by the deadline, so this week there is no winner of the Litter Box Contest. Next week's winner will receive \$20 instead of the normal \$10 prize plus two tickets on an open boat.



The Long Island **FISHERMAN**



FISHING TRIP CONTEST



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GREAT SOUTH BAY FLUKE FISHING

by
Doc Grell
Part One
of Two

Are you a "sole" fisherman? You are if you catch either flounder or fluke. How well do you do in catching these highly carnivorous fish? They have heavy pharyngeal teeth with which they can crush hard shelled molluscs and crustaceans as they look at you with both of their eyes on one side of their body. If the eyes are on the right side, the fish is said to be dextral or right eyed (as you look at the fish dark side up on a flat surface), and if you have caught such a creature you, of course, have caught a winter flounder which will be without teeth. If the eyes are on the left side, the fish you have caught is said to be sisestral or left eyed and, of course, will have teeth and is known as a Northern Fluke or Summer Flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*), which is what this article is all about.

You might be interested to know that these hard hitting flatfish are recognized by the International Game Fishing Association as FLOUNDER under their scientific name *Paralichthys*. The present All Tackle record is for a flounder caught off the coast of Chile in South America that weighed in at 30 lbs. 12 ounces. The present 6 lb. test line IGFA World Record for a flounder is one weighing 18 lbs. 3 ounces which I caught late last year off the inshore Fire Island experimental reef. It was taken on a 4-inch Psychosquid with a Hopkins diamond jig inserted into the plastic squid and I jigged the combination on light tackle.

WHAT ARE THESE FISH?

These flat fish differ completely from all other fish in body shape in that their head is twisted in such a way that their eyes are on one side. One side of the fish is completely white and is known as the blind side, since this side does not have eyes. The other side with eyes, known as the "up" side, presents a miracle in the ability of fluke to change their "up" side body surface to adapt their skin color to match their environments.

Contrary to everything written about fluke they do not rest completely flat against the bottom, for if they did, they would not be able to breathe. It is critical to their life process that water coming through their mouths must be able to pass out of both gill openings, the "up" side or pigmented side and the "down" or "blind side". What really happens is that fluke support themselves slightly off the bottom on their decurved dorsal (top) and anal (rear) fins which not only allows them to pass water out of their gill openings (breathing), but just as important, allows them to make a very quick getaway after their prey or your bait. These top and rear fins also are used for crawling either forward or backward slowly on the bottom by use of wavelike movements of their fin rays, which, by the way, *do not have* fin spines which might stab you. When swimming in open water fluke employ their pectoral (chest) and tail fins. Fluke are found and appear to prefer soft bottoms consisting of sand, mud or fine gravels, especially bottoms with mussels that establish for fluke a cafeteria for other fish which they eat. In my fluke fishing over the years, I have found that my biggest fluke have always been taken jigging over bottoms where mussel crops have been located.



The author holds an 18 lb. 3 oz. fluke he took on an artificial in Great South Bay. The fish was recently recognized by the IGFA as a new World's Record for 6 lb. class line.

WHERE CAN FLUKE BE FOUND IN THE BABYLON—ISLIP GREAT SOUTH BAY AREA

See accompanying chart for areas marked with "f". All of these areas at a given time are excellent for fluking, especially those areas where tidal flow and current is strong. In-as-much as any chart has obvious limitations owing to size of page, reprinting, etc., it is imperative that any prospective fluke fisherman purchase U.S. Department of Commerce Chart No. 120-SC for the area, which is available at most marine supply stores. This chart is a navigational chart giving you depths as well as the areas geomorphology. You will want to mark this chart, as I have, with "f's", and keep an accurate log of which locations, times and tides are the most productive for you.

In your searching for fluke in ocean marked "f" spots (outside Fire Island Inlet and in the outer inlet), BE VERY CAREFUL OF AN OUTGOING (ebb tide) DRIFT. This can take you into the breaker line of high turbulence waves. These waves can very easily take place when you have an outgoing tide opposed by a strong southwest wind. From May to October, this is the prevailing wind on Long Island. This condition can produce an "inlet of horrors" for the unsuspecting fluke fisherman who in his small skiff, either looking the wrong way or in his excitement of catching fluke in his ebb tide drift, all of a sudden finds himself in a hazardous and dangerous area, where breaking waves could easily capsize his boat. This area is marked with skull and cross bones on the accompanying chart.

There are possibly more ways to catch fluke than there are to putting knots in your line. In the following I will describe various methods that work in their order of efficiency and productivity.

THE MEAT AND POTATO METHOD: This method consists of drifting in everything from a rubber raft to a Captree "head boat". This method necessitates a medium

weight boat rod, a heavy weight spinning rod, a light to medium weight "jetty rod" or an ultra light bait casting rod. Reels can range from bait casting reels, medium spinning reels, 1/0 conventional reels to hefty bait casting reels. On party boats light spinning rods and reels will not make you popular at all. On your own boat or boat rental the theme is "whatever turns you and the fish on." Fifteen to 20 lb. test line (monofilament) wound on 1/0 reels, Penn 200's, Penn 500's or what have you, should take care of any "monster doormats" that you will encounter. Fluke hooks should be of the long shanked type in sizes from 3/0 to 6/0. Sinkers should range in weight from 1 to 6 ounces and be of the Bank or dipsey type. Stay away, by all means, from pyramidal or triangular type sinkers.

In this meat and potato method your terminal tackle will look like the diagram on p. 20. In this terminal tackle arrangement you can place on your hook a variety of baits, all of which will take fluke as you are drifting. Thin slices of squid cut into 3 to 5 inch strips about a half inch wide tapering to a point, live killies hooked through both lips, sand eels, smelt, tinker mackerel, or spearing hooked through both eyes (otherwise they fall off), or thin strips of fluke, sea robin or mackerel cut according to the above specifications are all fluke takers.

As you drift along, your terminal tackle headed by a sinker, will bounce along the bottom with the baited hook trailing well behind. In addition you will also give more energetic bounces to your tackle by lifting your rod tip sharply. Fluke will swim off the bottom and chase your bait quite enthusiastically. In this type of fishing do not be in too great a hurry to set the hook. Oftentimes they only have the end of the bait in their traps without completely ensnaring the hooked part of the bait. When you feel a tug do not be afraid to drop back your bait. Open the bail or let out more line and give your friend more time to eat his "boobie trapped" tidbit. At other times you can slowly wind in your line and watch "Francis the Fluke" come right up to the boat and take the bait.

When I catch a fluke I do not continue with my drift. I narrow the drift pattern to the area where I caught the fluke. Oftentimes I will anchor in the approximate spot where I caught the fluke. It is imperative when you feel weight on the line that you do not immediately jerk the bait, but instead allow a couple of seconds for the weight (your fluke) to become hooked.

Weight of sinkers on your terminal tackle will be determined by your rate of drift. In the area of Fire Island Inlet you will want more weight than when you are drifting down West Channel, Range Channel or Dickerson Channel. Experiment and try to picture what your terminal tackle is doing.

If you are on a "head boat" the captain is trying to put you into fish. If you are on your own boat many times you will really have to seek out the "F" spots off main channels or on the banks of main channels away from the mob. My personal experience has been that I have always done better when I am away from the crowd.

If you have a depth recorder on your boat, check the bottom and look for the high points and peaks on your paper which invariably produce rips and turbulence. Fluke love to sit on slopes of irregular bottom where they can pounce at prey or your bait. There are many locations under "F" spots that show such a bottom configuration and it is here that you will catch more fish. If you do not have a depth recorder you can sound the bottom with a half pound duck weight (heavy bolt, etc.) attached to some line or pay careful attention to what your sinker is doing. *Paying attention to terminal tackle is the key word.* Don't be afraid to change the variety of your bait. One day you will murder the fluke with killies, another day it appears that you do not have enough squid. Mix up your bait if at all possible. *Do not be committed to one plan of action.* I do

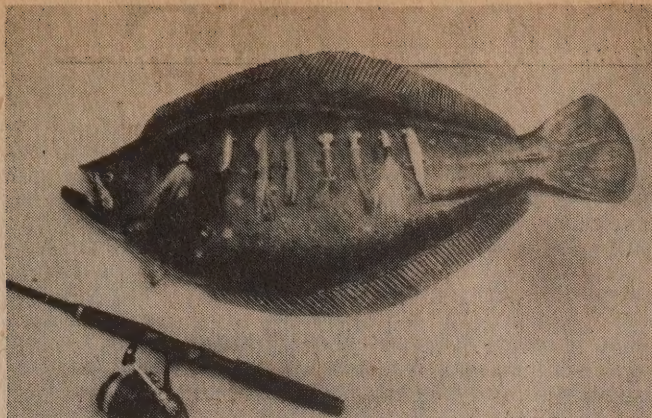


not recommend fluke spinners for the simple reason that such use detracts from the action of your natural bait. Use of artificials is another method of fishing for fluke in itself. Usually mixing systems is not the most productive.

USE OF ARTIFICIAL LURES WITH LIGHT TACKLE:

A method which I consider far superior to the above sinker bouncing method involves a very light spin pole and a light bait casting reel packed with 6 lb. or 10 lb. test line. For fluking I employ a 6 ounce Berkely Parametric 7' very whippy casting rod to which is attached a Shakespeare spin reel No. 2210. Such an outfit gives you maximum fight in your fluking as well as developing the virtue of patience which in turn could make for more relaxation in your fishing. If you feel that you cannot hold a big fluke with a 6 lb. test line tied directly to the lure, you can always double up your line and make a "shock leader" in the two to three foot length range. Artificial lures which I have found to be very successful in my fluke fishing are listed for the most part in their order of effectiveness.

Small bucktails of the 'Smilin Bill' and Hopkins variety in the 1/2 ounce to 1 ounce classification, with small pieces of



Several artificial lures that are often deadly on fluke lie upon Doc's record doormat, which was mounted at Island Taxidermy, Babylon.

pork rind attached. I have found this lure not only effective in Early Summer, but into the Fall months. The small bucktail with 6 lb. test line can be cast a tremendous distance and gives you tremendous range while drifting or still fishing. With larger bucktails, I employ a shock leader of 12 lb. test made up of two leaders of 6 lb. test line attached to swivel and main line of 6 lb. test. White bucktails of the round bulletshape variety are the best for long range casting and stay down when you are retrieving.

Salty Dog lures of the 5/16 ounce and 1 ounce variety in white and amber color have been very effective in taking fluke, especially when the plastic shrimp blank is taken off and replaced with small pieces of pork rind.

Seven Strand Psychosquids of the 4 inch and 6 inch type, into which are stuffed Hopkins diamond jigs in such a way, that only the treble hook reveals itself in the tentacles, have caught several large "doormats" for me, including an 18 lb. 3 oz. fluke caught last Fall on 6 lb. test line. This was confirmed earlier this year as a new world record by IGFA.

Other artificials which catch fluke from time to time are: Curly Tail Worms, fluorescent pearl spoons, diamond prism spinners, weedless minnows, pearl headed worms, rigged nite crawlers, weedless worms and a variety of wobbler spoons. Any of the artificials can, at a given time, be made more appealing to fluke by dressing them up with pork rind or a variety of short strips of squid, sea robin, fluke or mackerel with considerable sacrifice of lure action. If you tend to go this route "Why not go back to the meat and potato method previously described?"

Regardless of the lures or bait used, you will either be drifting and jigging or still fishing and casting, unless you happen to anchor over a "village" of fluke.

Chumming with bunker (ground menhaden) or mackerel is another method employed if you have a small piece of productive bottom to yourself. On a given day this technique can be very productive. In this method a variety of natural baits may be employed, ranging from sliced butterfish, whole smelt, live or dead killies to squid. The idea here is to put your bait into the mouths of attracted fluke. I have been out in the bay in the Steamboat Channel area more than once, chumming up small bay bluefish, when I have found myself picking up fluke on No. 4 hooks baited with small slices of mackerel and butterfish. The problems are, expense of buying bunker chum, boats crossing your chum line and your location's productivity factor. If you are going this route why not go for bay bluefish and take the fluke as a plus factor.

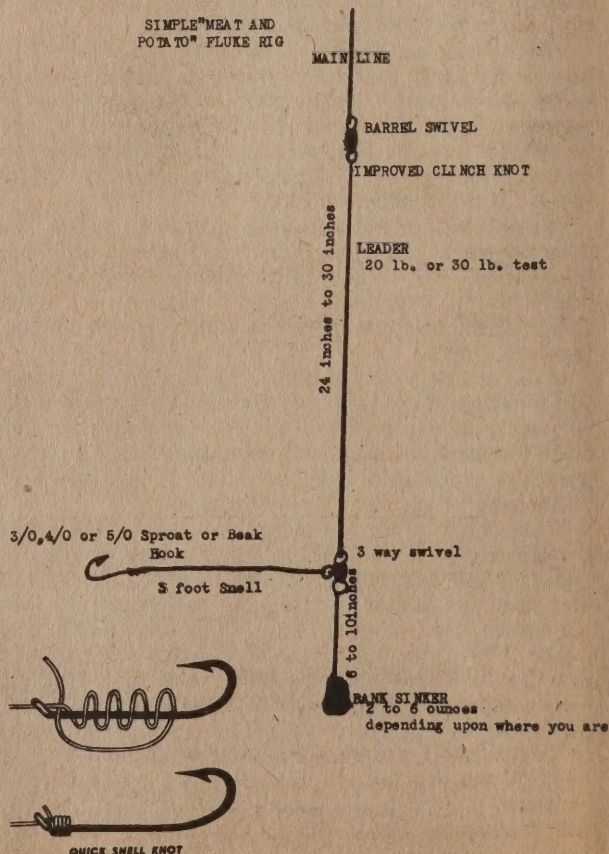
Trolling for fluke at a very slow speed with your bait or lures bouncing on the bottom will produce fluke. In addition you will experience massive frustration as you over and over again snag "grass", moving seaweed and any other obstacles which comes into the way of your

terminal tackle. If you desire to go this route it is my recommendation that you troll in the incoming tide, preferably to top of the flood when the weed problem is at a minimum. Just about any type of bucktail or artificial lure will take fish in addition to the old standbys such as squid strips, fluke strips and dead killies. It should be obvious that trolled bait will not last as long on the hook as it would when you are drifting. A medium size bay rod and reel spooled with 20 lb. mono should satisfy your requirements for trolling. Remember always that your terminal tackle must be attached to your main line with a swivel, otherwise you will get horrible tangles and lose proper bait and lure presentation for your flat headed friends.

Pier fishing employing a spinning rod and reel, in which you, from a given location, attempt to imitate with your bait and lures in a phoney drift by casting out and slowly retrieving, has its obvious limitations and is the least productive of all the techniques. Nevertheless, for those without boats, good catches have been made from piers. To say the least, the challenges of this technique are great.

Fishing for fluke from the surf with a medium to heavy duty spin pole and reel is for the "purist at heart." He probably has a standing time in the surf of 40 to 72 hours per fish, which is a patience requirement that I could never satisfy. Yet I know very successful "shooters" from the surf who will get their share of fluke casting out 1 ounce bucktails, TriFin Jig 'n Tails Shrimp and Hopkins with pork rind strips. This method, to be successful, involves the angler in a constant challenge to keep the bucktail bouncing and jumping up from the bottom. Exact retrieve and technique you will have to develop on your own, based on bottom, wave action and nature of your lure.

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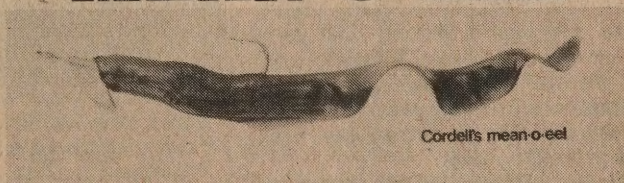


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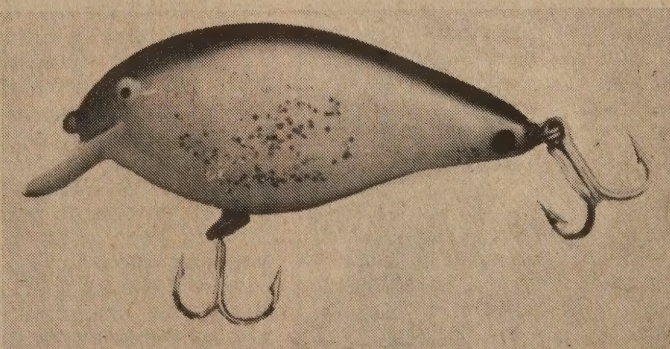
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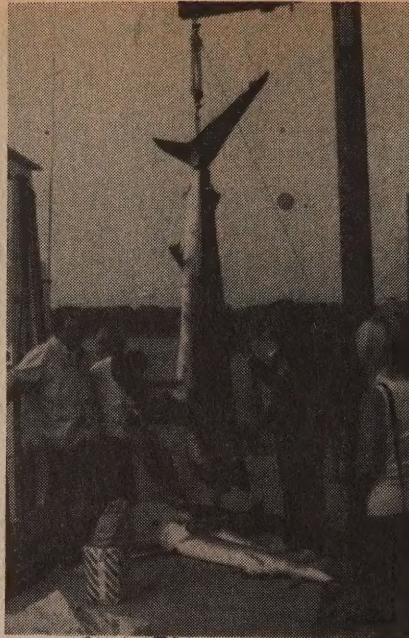
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Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** said that fishing at Coxe's Ledge was very good all last week. Cod are averaging 12 to 18 lbs. and the poolfish has been running over 40. The **Viking Starlite** has been doing an excellent job on both the morning and afternoon fluke trips in the North Rips and Midway Rips. Night bluefishing aboard the **Starlite** has been spotty to fair with the monster blues running from 12 to 20 lbs.

Capt. Fred Bird of the **Flying Cloud** reports very good fishing for very large porgies at Great Eastern and under the Montauk Lighthouse. Loads of seabass are mixed in with the catch and it is a very steady pick all day. Ebb tide is producing best.

Capt. Howie Carroll of the **Jigger III** said that his passengers have been doing very well with the fluke in the Midway Rips. The poolfish usually runs in the 8 pound category and there are plenty of keepers for all aboard.

Capt. Murray Homelsky of the charterboat **Cherokee** reports great bluefishing at the Submarine Buoy. All the bluefish are big size, and the



This Dusky shark was caught by A. Bozza and family aboard Capt. Paul Sundberg's charterboat "Montauk". The shark weighed about 500 lbs. with a length of 10' 8" and a girth of 4' 5".

offshore shark scene is great. On Saturday the party had two blue sharks in the boat within 15 minutes of starting the chum slick going. They also landed several more blue sharks by the end of the day in the 100 to 250 lb. class.

Capt. John Sweetman of the charterboat **Ebb Tide** said that sharks are very plentiful at 40 fathoms of water in the Butterfish Hole. All species of shark now inhabit the area. The fluke fishing has been excellent and getting better by the day, bigger and more plentiful. The Midway Rips are producing best on the flood tide and west of the rips on ebb. Bluefishing has also been great at Outer Cartwright on whole herring.

John Keller of the **Lake Montauk Marine** said that quite a few swordfish have come into Montauk Harbor in the last week. Hot area has been 30 fathoms of water south of the point. Porgy fishing has been picking up good off Eastern Plains Point at Guardineers Island and Great Eastern Rock. Fluke have been good in the North and Midway Rips. Weakfish have been excellent off Shagwong Point from the surf in the evening and early morning hours. Mako and blue sharks are all over the offshore grounds.

Ronnie D'Albora of the **Gone Fishing Marina** said that it was a very good fishing weekend and the marina had plenty of business. Fluking has been holding up good all over—Inner Shagwong, Gin Beach, Midway Rips

and the North Rips. Most of the fluke are keepers and some run up to eight pounds. Porgies are in solid with a few humpbacks up to four pounds being taken at Great Eastern and all the usual porgy haunts. Plenty of seabass are also mixed in with the catch. Quite a few stripers are being taken by fishermen while porgy fishing and some good catches have been made clam chumming. Weakfishing has been tremendous off Gin Beach in the evenings and early morning from both the boat and surf. Fish run an average of 3 to 4 pounds and up to 7.

Ed Miller of **Westlake Fishing Station** reports that Capt. Paul Sundberg's **Montauk** took a 312 lb. swordfish on rod and reel, the biggest sword yet this year. The happy angler was 16 year old John McDowell of Paoli, PA., on 80 lb. ande line. The fight was 1 hour, 15 minutes and this beauty is being mounted by **Island Marine Taxidermy**, of W. Babylon. Also, Capt. John Sweetman's **Ebb Tide** hooked and landed a 309 lb. mako the largest at Montauk so far this year. The **Ebb Tide** also bagged 112 big Montauk fluke for a charter this past Monday.

Freddie's Tackle Shop says that there are plenty of big bass on all the beaches at dawn hours, to 35 lbs. on big swimming Stan Gibbs bottle plugs, any tides. Also, weaks are eating up the beaches—Red-Fins, Hopkins and Trifins.

Capt. Neil of Captree **Lady Ann** fished the 3 day weekend on the **Viking Star** and reports the Cox Ledge Cod are very good to excellent. Fish are 35 to 40 lbs. The **Peconic Queen** also had a good number of hangers. Also, 20-25 swordfish were brought into the docks on Friday by the various boats.

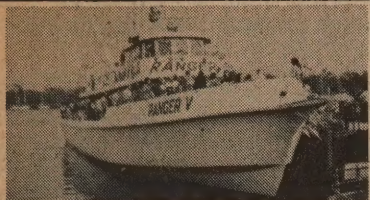


Tony Kaider of Mineola, Michael Longardo of Raritan, NJ, and Paul Koslosky of Cressona, PA, with some nice cod which weighed 35, 47, and 49 lbs. respectively aboard the **Peconic Queen II** of Montauk.



Nick Vitale, Ray Lapitsky and Jim Kushmick with a total of nine bass caught aboard Frank Braddicks boat the "Hurry Up". The nine fish weighed 50, 44, 34, 31, 28, 24, 14, 14, and 12 lbs.

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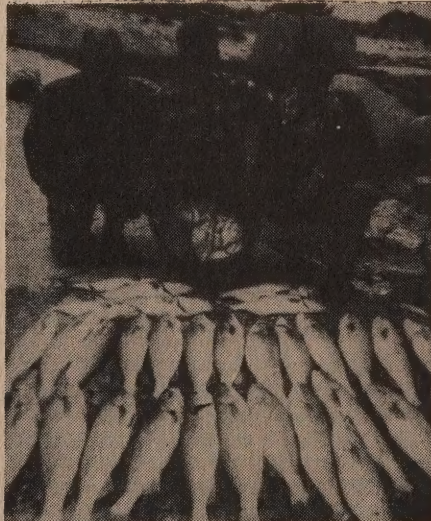
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L.I.F. staff member **Scott Simons** fished the Frisbees on Saturday and took over 50 large seabass and seven of the fish went three pounds and over. The radio alive with talk of swordfish and at least 3 fish came into Montauk and six into Shinnecock and many more were being harpooned, many times two at a clip. **John DeMaio**, a local bass fisherman, has just started to charter for small parties of bass fishermen. Scott has seen John in action many times, and if you want to learn how to diamond jig or catch bass on cast bucktails, John is the man you want to see. He won't cast or troll, and anglers must be competent fishermen. John can be reached at (516) 668-5130.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti of the charterboat **Julie II** had a party of two on Saturday caught 313 lbs. of seabass up to 3 lb. 11 oz. and 5 bluefish up to 12 lbs. and one 8 pound blackfish at Frisbees. On Sunday, Ron had a party of 3 and took 270 lbs. of seabass up to 3 1/4 lbs. and 40 fluke up to 4 3/4 lbs. and 3 bluefish.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that it was a beautiful holiday weekend with great fishing. Big weakfish 4 to 7 lbs. are being taken at Goff Point but the fishing is hot and cold. Best time is in the morning on incoming tide and mid-day is usually a little picky. Porgies are in profusion at Hicks Island, the Bell Buoy and Can 3. Fish are running 1/2 to 1 1/2 lbs., and boats are averaging one to two bushels each.



Ray Tamborrino, Tullio Cutuogno and Sal Matteredo all from the Bronx with 27 weakfish from 4-7 1/2 lbs. and a half of a bushel of porgies 1/2 to 1 1/2 lbs. at Goff Point. Photo Courtesy of Promised Land Fishing Station.

High hook on Saturday for three people was 4 1/2 bushels of fish. Anchoring and chumming with either clam bellies or bunker and skimmer clams for bait is the ticket. A few nice fluke 3 to 6 lbs. are also being picked up by those casting artificials and using bait for weakfish.

SAG HARBOR

Barbara at the **Noyac Marina** said that there is good fishing but few fishermen are coming out. Porgies are plentiful and large and all over the area. Small school weakfish of 1 1/2 to 3 lbs. are being taken off the Monastery and Long Beach. Blues are off Jessups Neck in the early morning and evening. On Sunday, Barbara and her husband Harry and son Jeff took 43 bluefish and one 5 lb. weakfish squidding with Hopkins. Ken Jacobson and friend John took 32 bluefish in the evening.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows Sr. of the **Capt. Clark II** said that porgie fishing was fantastic all week long and over the weekend. On Sunday 26 people took over 500 fish 3/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. and fifty weakfish 1 1/2 to 3 lbs. On Friday Capt. Clarks' wife took 11 weakfish and 26 porgies by herself. The **Capt. Clark** fished the wreck east of Robbins Island Sunday and too 500-600 porgies a couple of dozen weakfish and a half dozen blackfish. The wrecks in the Peconic Bays are not the hot porgie areas.

Mickey at **Altenkirch Tackle** said that swordfishing was excellent over the weekend and at least 6 were taken on hook and line. Best area has been southeast of the inlet in 120 feet of water. Plenty of Mako sharks are also in the same area. Fluke are fair in Shinnecock Bay but there are still a lot of small fish around. Small bluefish 1 1/2 lbs. are being taken casting in the Shinnecock Canal when the locks are both open and closed.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reported good fluke fishing but there are still a lot of throwbacks. Boats are averaging between 10 and 30 keepers per boat. Best area is drifting between buoys 21 and 18 and in the New Cut. Flounders are still very good and fat right in front of the station and at buoy 21.

MORICHES BAY

Skidmore's Fishing Station said that there are plenty of keeper fluke mixed in with the numerous shorts. Boats on Saturday averaged between 3 and 39

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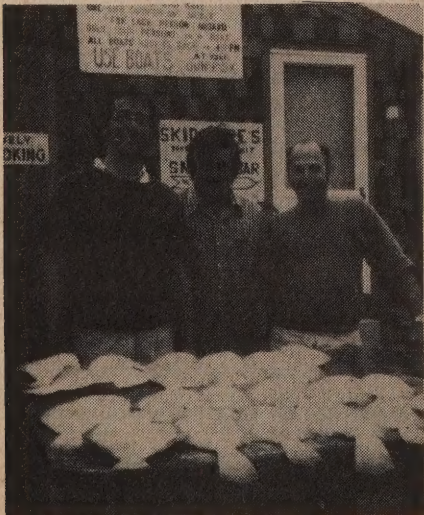
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Ed Chomas, Jack Lekan, Nancy Moren and Gary Grunserch with 28 fluke, a 7 1/4 lb. strip and 2 snapper blues. These fish were taken on sand eels and squid by buoy 38 and 39. Photo courtesy of Silly Lilly Fishing Station.

keepers. Fish are hitting on any tide between buoys 36 and 42 and in the Elbow of the Old Cut. Large killies seem to be the best bait with a strip of squid. Flounder are still plentiful off the Coast Guard Station and between buoys 39 and 42 on the south side of the channel. They are starting to see quite a few small blue claw crabs, so it looks like it may be a good season.

Hi-Way Fishing Station said that there are plenty of fluke being taken south of buoy 36 and east to buoy 39 on outgoing tide. Still plenty of shorts around, though. Flounder still right in front of the station and at buoy 42. A 532 lb. dusky shark was weighed in on Saturday that was taken on the Queen Bee 15 miles southeast of the Inlet.



Ira Schoulder, Howie Schoulder and Stan Gutfleisch with 25 fluke caught on sand eels and squid off buoys 36-39.

MASTIC BEACH

Bob at Keenan's Fishing Station reports flounder at buoys 20 and 21 on moving water, 3/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. on bloods. Loads of crabs. Fluke ratio 50 percent keepers, says Bob, sizes 14"—3 lbs, on all tides except slack, between buoys 23-27, on spearing and sand eels.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dudley at Young's Fishing Station says the weaks are still good at Brown's River, 1/2 mile southwest of the marker buoy at the change of tide on shiners and squid strip. They are 2-3 lb. fish and averages are 10-18 per boat, along with small blues, 2-3 lb. class.

South Bay Fishing Station says weakfish have picked up and there are still good fluke catches. Dennis advised that you fish in the slick of the dredges and down current of the clam boats. Try off Brown's River and mid-bay, east of buoy 30, with just spearing for both species. On Saturday, Walt Czekai took a "mess-a-fluke" and 12 good weaks.

BAY SHORE

Neil Blam of the Sea Bee called to tell ya'll that a 70 lb. stingray was caught from his boat on Saturday in 12 feet of water off Ocean Bay Park at Fire Island, by angler Sven Svedin. The fish was weighed at J & R Sports Center in Oakdale, then cut up for food.

CAPTREE

The Capt. Swanson II reported good fluking over the weekend at West Island, Kismet and in front of the lighthouse. Plenty of big fish mixed in with the shorts. The fluke are spread out all over so you will have to work for them. End of the outgoing water seems to produce best. Best bait is sandeels, followed by fluke bellie strips.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the Capt. Whittaker said that fluke fishing was good all weekend and fares averaged 2 to 6 fish each. There's still plenty of shorts, making for plenty of action. Best area is just outside the inlet and all the way up to Ocean Beach. It's a good steady pick through both tides and the poolfish daily runs 5 to 7 lbs. The pool on Sunday was taken by a 7 lb. doormat. Sandeels work best when the tide is running fast, switch to killies when the current slows.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the Speedy V reported that on Friday night a Great White Shark estimated at 14 to 18 feet in length came into the chum



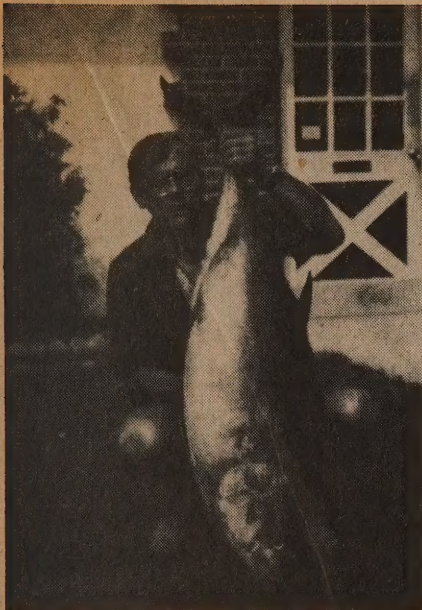
Rick Walsh and Brian McNerney both Suffolk County Policemen with some nice fish they hooked into last Thursday. Rick with a bass weighing 26 lb. 4 oz. and Brian with a 6 lb. weak. Both fish were caught on live eels during the flood tide at Fire Island Inlet. Photo courtesy of The Store.

slick while bluefishing. There were a few blue sharks in the slick and the white started chasing a 75 pounder around that an angler had on hook and line. Two blue sharks of 75 and 200 lbs. were eventually TAKEN AND Great White finally left. Except for when these sharks were near the boat, bluefishing was tremendous. Saturdays daytime catch was 500 to 600 blues 5 to 15 lbs., and on Saturday night 800 to 900 blues 5 to 8 lbs. were boated in a real blitz. Best area has been Monster Ledge south/southwest of the inlet in 120 feet of water.

The Capt. Scotty has also been doing a real job on the bluefish both night and day. During the day trip Saturday 300 blues were taken and that night 500 bluefish were boated.

Bill Loesch called to give us a surf report for Democrat Point and Cedar Beach areas. Bass and bluefishing have been poor all last week and on the weekend. There is a super-abundance of baitfish in the water, so this may be the problem. Some fluke were taken on bait by many anglers just to put some fish in the box.

The Captree Bait Station reports fluke are to be had at all the piers on killies, sand eels and squid, on all moving water. Some flounder are being taken at the Fire Island Docks on worms and small snappers are starting to show.



Doc Grell did it again to the Babylon Tuna Club when he took the clubs tuna contest this weekend with this 81 lb. bluefin tuna. The fish was taken in 165 feet of water south of Moriches Inlet on Jim Taylor's boat Chris-Ann.

BABYLON

Mario at Hi-Hook Fishing Station reports a great fishing weekend for fluke. Joe Bossia boated 25 keepers at Dickerson's and Snake Hill Channel on sand eels and squid, all on moving tides. 10-15 keepers per boat average, with a 3:1 return ratio. Some sea bass and eels mixed in. Good crabbing in the flats west of the Moses Bridge.

Charlie's Fishing Station tells us there is plenty of big fluke mixed in with the midgets at the bend in the state channel, with the ratio better now. Angler J. Chaffrey landed 14 5-7 lb. fluke on squid/sand eel combo baits, on moving water. Watch for occasional weaks on the squid. The bay is full of crabs, best on the flats. P.S.—A harbor seal was just sighted in Fox Creek.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports bluefish in 60 feet of water to 15 lbs. for chummers and trollers. There is bass on live eels on any change of tide at the Sore Thumb, the old inlet and the Moses Bridges and for clam chummers at the bridge particularly. Loads of fluke from the inlet to the bridge, with 25 percent keepers. Best is a sand eel on a bucktail rig. Great crabbing all over the place.

Surfside 3 Bait and Tackle at the foot of Wellwood Avenue tells of lots of fluke in the inlet on sand eels (return the babies) and good eeling

and crabbing off the Wellwood Avenue docks.

Duke of Duke's Tackle Shop called to say that Phil Di Pinto of the Bronx fished Great South Bay with Joe Uss of Lindenhurst on Joe's "Cricket" on Friday and caught 13 fluke averaging 3 lbs. He then on Saturday, nailed another 15 fluke averaging 3¼ lbs. This was at Sankehill Channel on killies and sand eels on the ebb. John Hassig of Lindenhurst on Meejon, trolled an 85 lb. tuna on feathers southeast of the inlet, 170 feet of water. Then on Saturday, John got his 1st mako, a 144 lb. beauty.

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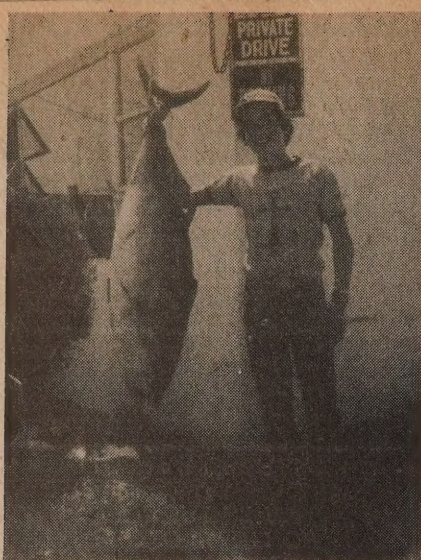
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AMITYVILLE

Jona's Bait and Tackle reports that on Saturday, Ed Waldman, George Mills, Ted Murray and sons on Joe Clark's Falcon II, bagged 88 blues, 9-20 lbs. south of Cholera. On Sunday, 52 lb. bass fell to a live eel at the Sore Thumb at 4 am for Norm Schneider of W. Babylon and on Monday, Norn came in to weigh in a 14 lb. fluke taken in the same place, but in daylight, on sand eel/squid combo. These were boat fish. Weaks are in the canals and the Copiague Hole and there are nice snappers in the hole too. Plenty of fluke in all the bays, with some



This 60 lb. 4 oz. tuna was taken in 85 feet of water southeast of Fire Island Inlet by Ronald Bruckner while trolling a red and white feather. Photo courtest of Augies Bait and Tackle.

keepers, too. Chum is working best for bluefisherman, umbrellas next best from the inlet on out.

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports blues are excellent in 70 feet of water due south of Fire Island Inlet. Joe Solka of Massapequa filled his fish box with big choppers. Bass are going chummed in the State Channel in the deep holes. Ft. Neck Point has been best for fluke 16-18". Chum pot with bunker chum works best, so anchor up on the edge of the deep hole there. Unqua Pt. and the East-West Cut are producing plenty of weaks with shrimp jigs, live killies or sand worms on a hi-lo rig. Crabbing at the town dock and on the flats is very good, with 3 dozen per person (average) at the Ocean Avenue dock.

SEAFORD

The **Lucky Strike III** had a charter of 10 people headed by Dr. Charles Ford out on July 4th and they loaded up on over 100 fluke buy not all were keepers. Fishing is good through both tides, sandeel and killie with a squid combo best for bait. Fish are spread out all over, so move around a lot.

Pop's Fishing Station tells of fluke at Four Corners and in the west side of the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges, on killies, squid and sand eels in all moving water. Sizes are mixed, with good numbers of keepers. Some weaks to 5 lbs. are being taken on a high hook using squid.

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports lots of mixed size fluke and some weaks on the fluke rigs bearing squid strip. Schoolie bass are being chum-

med at the bridges, evenings and mornings and an 8½ lb. blue was taken by a bass chummer (by accident), by a lady customer at the drawbridge.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports loads of fluke in all the bays, flats, channels and from the inlet to the bridge, but you've got to return 5 in every legal fish. Sand eels, killie/squid combos work best. There is excellent offshore bluefishing and some fellows are even plugging them on top, with fish to 12 lbs. John De Neno on his "**Mah-Jong**" took a 22 lb. tuna, his first, on a small feather.

L.I.F. staffer **Stu Miller** drifted the inlet on Saturday and ended up with 5 keeper fluke on killies, squid and sandeels. Lots of short fish. Junior and Senior Korn were there too, each taking 2 keepers. Again Stu Miller had the largest and the most summer flatties.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Mike of the **empire fleet** said there are big bluefish well offshore. They fished about 210 degrees out of the inlet and hit 8 to 10 lb. blues. These fish are responsive to chum and bait. They had a mako shark of about 200 lbs. on for 20 minutes but the bluefish rigs could not bring it in.

Great shark fishing says Jerry Spinelli of the **Forty Fathoms**. They went about 40 miles out of Jones Inlet at 185 degrees on Saturday. They had 3 makos to 230 lbs. and several other blues and dusks. On Sunday they trolled southeast of the inlet in 80 feet of water. A total of 56 bluefish in the 5-8 lb. range hit their top water swimming plugs.

The **Starstream II** has had very good catches of bluefish. The day trips are good but the nights are even better.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the **Aloma II** says the fluke fishing is just fantastic right outside of the inlet. No need to run an hour for fish. Mon, Tues. and Saturday had poor drifting conditions but the other days of the past week were fine. Fluke are 1½ to 2½ lbs. on the average with many of the 4 and 5 lbs. About 50 percent and more are keepers. There are some sea bass mixed in.

The **Aloma** is wreck fishing and loading up on sea bass. A few porgies



Richard Spellina with a 38 lb. striped bass caught on the incoming tide at Jones Inlet on the bottom with a live eel. Photo courtesy of Anthony's Fishing Station.

are also being picked up and fishing for them will get stronger. The plus feature of this wreck fishing is the couple of blackfish that are also picked up.

The open boat **Capt. Al** reports very good catches of bluefish about 1 hr. 45 min. from the dock. This bluefishing is great both day and night as evidenced by Saturdays' day hi-hook catch of 25 and the night hi-hook of 30.

The **Nite Owl** went about 10 miles past the H.A. buoy to get in some terrific shark fishing. The final count was a 203 lb. mako and 13 other sharks.

Big fluke and close by is what Capt. Johnny A. of the **Miss Freeport** said. There are many of 3 and 4 lbs. About 50 percent of those caught are keepers. It looks as though these fish will stay around all summer according to Capt. Johnny A.

Anthony's Fishing Station tells of fluke in Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet, Funday and Loop areas, on sand eel, killies and squid. Weaks at the bridges in A.M. or evening hours with sandworms drifted into the bridges. Anthony's has a monthly pool for all anglers renting his boats, \$2 entry fee. So far the July winner is a 2.14 fluke. Any gamblers out there?

Roy at **Mako Marina** informs us that Mort Stockman and passengers on the **Journeyman**, on Saturday, took 4 makos, 100-135 lbs. and 3 25 lb. tuna. Lot of giants were spotted. This was way past the HA buoy, on a shark trip with bunker baits. The charterboat **Nite owl** nailed a 203 lb. mako on Sunday for 6 fares, along with 11 blue shark and a dusky.

Capt. Sy of the **Blue Fin** had excellent bluefishing Saturday and

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Eds Fishing Station reports the keeper fluke are on the increase in both the inlet and Reynolds Channel. School bass are being taken on clams at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Blues are about nine miles out.

Angler II reports fantastic bluefishing south of cholera. These are mostly 8-12 lbs. but on Saturday they hit into a school of 4-6 pounders. The blues are hitting bait when on top. When they are down jigs are doing well particularly the Bingle Bannana.

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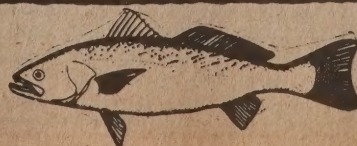
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The **Commodore** reports plenty of fluke in Debs Inlet and at Riis Park. They are also picking up some sea bass at Riis Park. The fluke are hitting sand eels, spearing, squid and strip baits. Out in the deeper water of 40 feet or so are bigger fluke up to 6 lbs. There are not as many fish as closer in but definitely bigger fish. The bay has a good quantity of fluke. These are mostly small fish and you must be careful not to keep those that are undersized.

Capt. Don Eichin of the **Shearwater** had Sina Cassora of Cold Spring Harbor, brother Charlie, Jack Pearson and friend Christian out on a charter on Wednesday at the HA buoy and despite 6-8' ground swells caused by Hurricane Amy, they got 5 blue sharks to 160 lbs. and 1/2 dozen bluefish to 15 lbs. Capt. Don also took aboard a lost homing pigeon, which after a 3 hour rest, took off for home again.

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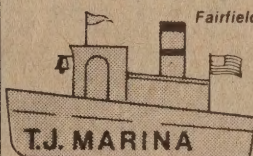
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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon at Henning's Fishing Station said the best fluke fishing in 40 years is here. Boats are averaging 10 to 12 keepers. Mrs. Sandy Berkowitz took an 11 lb. 1 oz. fluke on sand eels and squid. This fish was picked up half way between the dock and the Coast Guard Station on Saturday morning. Many Nussbaum of Queens picked up a 26¾ lb. striped bass on clams. He fished from the beach near the Silver Point Jetty on Saturday and Sunday. In the shark department Mary Barnett brought in a 102 lb. mako.

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the Kim informs us that boat fishermen casting bunker into the jetties of Rockaway and Long Beach have been nailing 3-5 fish a day in the 20 to 40 lb. range. Shark fishing is exceptionally great, with lots of makos. Ron says this is his best mako year to date. Also, he reports acres of bluefish, 15 lb. class at the 100 ft. mark and beyond. Sharks are feeding heavily on these, and Ronnie says he's tagging all except makos. Friday, the Kim ran into schools of 50-60 lb. tuna at the south side of the 100' ledge on a 158 degree course out of Debs Inlet. Ronnie credits his Dytek water temp. gauge with enabling him to pinpoint 68-71 degrees as prime temperature haunts for makos.

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bass fishing by the Marine Parkway Bridge has been good using worms. They are shoalies to 13¾ lbs. They are also trolling for them off the Rockaway Jetty as well as using clam bellies. Porgy fishing is picking up along Beach Channel.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Freddie at Mikes Bait and Tackle reports very, very, good fluke fishing at the Rockaways and the Ambrose channels. They are hitting all baits but the right drifting conditions are important. Loads of striped bass off Rockaway Point. Bucktails account for fish of 5 to 8 lbs. and an occasional weakfish. Bunker dunking gets you bass from 12 to 30 lbs. with 15 lbs. about average. Bluefish are at the Farms both day and night. Blacks and sea bass are holding up well.

Stella Maris reports the bluefish chummers are having a field day at the Farms both day and night. Line bunker fishing at the Tin Can Grounds is accounting for good catches of big striped bass. The Rockaways and Coney Island areas are loaded with fluke. There are some porgies starting to show at Riis Park.

The **Amberjack IV** has a double barreled fishing program that is doing great on either one. Fluke fishing day is very good and close by. At night the blue fish anglers take over and are taking loads of 4 to 6 lb. blues.

Capt. Wrege of the **Chief** reports



Island Marine Taxidermy sent in this picture of a white marlin which weighed in at 68 lbs. This was the first entry of this species in their contest and was caught by Red Enoksen (not pictured) for the Oakdale Sportsman aboard the Skipjack II while fishing for sharks in the Bayshore Mako Tournament, on Sunday, June 29th.

good fluke fishing at Ambrose, Tin Can Grounds, and the Rockaways. They are from 1-8 lbs. The bluefishing at night has been taking place at Monster Ledge where the fish are 5-12 lbs.

Capt. Kreisler of the charterboat **Babe** took out Jack Robbins and Co. on Wednesday. They trolled the red and black side of Ambrose Channel with Bingle Gorilla rigs. The total catch was 28 blues of 3 and 4 lbs. and an 8 lb. striped bass. Weekend fishing was okay trolling for blues.

Porgy fishing is coming along great said Capt. Palermio of the **Mary** on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the fores had a bucketful of these ¾ to 1½ lbs. tasty fish. On Sunday it was slower but they picked up some nice sea bass. One monster weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz.

STATEN ISLAND

The **Teal** reports good fluking at nearby Ambrose. The catch is about half keepers of 1 to 3 lbs. Pool fish run over 5 pounds.

The **Viking II** has had very good results on fluke and sea bass. Pool fish for the fluke are from 3 to 6 lbs. Eleven Year old Mike Cozzi of Jersey City beat out his dad in both quantity and size. He caught a 3¾ lb. sea bass.

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** said the striped bass fishing has slowed at Penny Beach. Shorts are now outnumbering the keepers. Worms are still your best bet. Fluke are anywhere from Penny Beach to Tottenville. They are about 50/50 keepers. The sand eel and squid combo works better than the spearing killy bait. Blues are hitting cut bunker and butterfish bait at night off the Berger Avenue sewer and South Beach. These 3-5 pound blues also hit sometimes during the day. Great Kills Harbor has good crabbing on the incoming tide using pots. Buoys 35 and 39 at Mount Loretta has weakfish of 4 and 5 pounds for the worm drifters. School blues there are hitting trolled short tubes and Pet spoons as well as bait.

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

The **Mighty Mouse** reports they murdered the porgies on the 3 day weekend.

A.P. White's Bait Shop reports good all around fishing. Porgies are east of Gardiners Island in good quantities. Fluke are also there hitting squid/sand eels or a fluke rig with a bucktail. Plum Gut is still hoit for striped bass on bucktails. Blacks are

along the Sound shore. Weakks are hitting well at Fanning Point on worms or lures. Try Hay Beach at evening or early morning for some good striped bass fishing with worms.

SOUTHOLD

Porgy fishing is the mainstay at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station**. They are loads of them at buoy 17 or the South Ferry. There are weakfish around hitting squid but not lures. Try buoy 17, Greenlawns or Louie's Beach.

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Good all around fishing says Phil at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station**. The weakks are at Rose Grove and are

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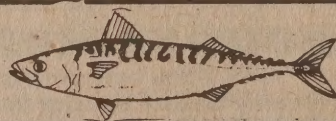
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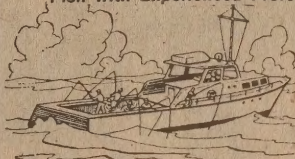
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hitting on sand worms or squid. Porgies are at buoy 4 and taking worms or clams. Snappers have come in and are hitting the squid that is fished for weaks as well as shiners. There is some pretty fair blackfishing south of buoy 25. They are taking sand worms.

JAMESPORT

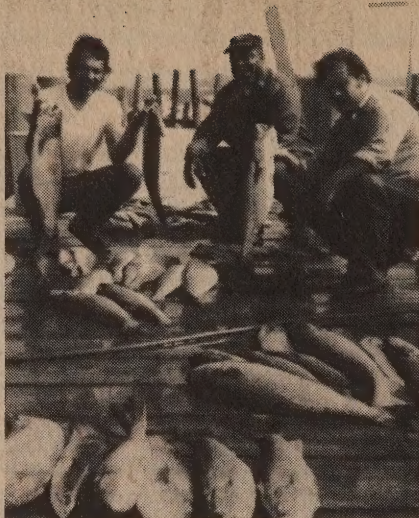
Warren's Tackle Center in Aquabogue reports plenty of porgies and weaks. Both of these fish are at Rose Grove. The porgies are taking worms and clams. The weakfish have a preference for a shole sand worm on a high hook rig. The weaks run 1½ to 2 lbs.

WADING RIVER

Plenty of porgies reports Wildwood Deli. They are hitting sandworms on the incoming tide. Blackfish have quieted down. Striped bass fishing east of the Wildwood State Park is mostly with line bait. The blues have been off Herod Point and hitting lures.

MILLER PLACE

Dick's Sporting Goods called to tell us that Joe Chattman took an 18½ lb. striped bass on a worm at Miller Place. He also had several smaller



Al Gregg, Richard Ferris, Brian Kenny, Victor Calise with a catch of 60 weaks from 3½ to 7 lbs. on May 20 out of New Suffolk. L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.

ones. On Monday and Tuesday the blues hit Sound Beach and were taking all kinds of tins. Porgy fishing is excellent now. Fluke fishing is coming into its own as more and more people fish for them.

PORT JEFFERSON

Carafitis Fishing Station said the porgy fishing is very good. These fish seem more plentiful further east at Mount Sinai or Miller Place. Blues are west of the Middle Grounds but fishing for them is slow. Striped bass fishing with worms has produced many of schoolies at the Narrows and Conscience Bay. In the harbor is a small school of bunker that is being followed by some big bass up to 40 lbs. Fluke fishing has taken a spurt upwards. Dave Freedman won the fishing contest with a 4¾ lb. fluke. He had 17 others over 2 lbs. They all took spearing, sand eels or squid in combinations. He drifted from buoy 1 to 11.

Capt. Johns Fisher of the Betty W has been fluke fishing part of the everyday with good results. They have had fluke to 5 lbs. using squid bait. The balance of the trip is spend porgy and black fishing. On Saturday an open boat trip had 25 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. and blackfish to 8 lbs.

NORTHPORT

Larkfield Sports Center reports some striped bass were trolled between Eatons Neck and Lloyd Point. A 40 pounder hit a bucktail. Blues have been hitting deep by trolled

bucktails.

Good fishing for many types of fish said Toni at Bowman's Sporting Goods. Porgies were plentiful at Calahans and Makamah Beaches. Big blacks in most rocky areas but better at Makamah and Hobart Beaches. Striped bass have been chasing bunker schools but with the blues coming in stronger it may not last. Bluefish of 4 to 6 lbs. are taking cut bait or lures in the harbor. Bigger blues to 10 lbs. are being trolled on umbrella rigs fished deep in mid-sound. Snappers are starting to show.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports the big news is good striped bass fishing with live bunker. Big bass from 18 to 35 lbs. are at any of your favorite rock piles from Target Rock to Cold Spring Harbor says Ronnie. Day or night makes no difference. Schools of scattered blues are in both the Sound and Huntington Bay. Porgies have come back too between Sand City and Duck Island. Snappers were at the bridge in Centerport.

GLEN COVE

Blues are all along the shoreline according to Glen Cove Sports Shop. These 6-8 lb. blues are being trolled. Weakfish are still along the shore and hitting tins but will soon be gone when the blues increase. Striped bass continue to hit trolled worms close inshore but are reluctant to hit the bigger trolled lures offshore.

PORT WASHINGTON

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said the striped bass fishing is great. They went out at night and had 10 bass on worms from 5½ to 8 lbs. Live bunker accounted for two good sized fish. Vicki Frader caught a 23½ lb. bass in Hempstead Harbor while Ted Licciardello took one of 38¼ lbs. at the "Eagle". Snapper blues have been trolled inside Manhasset Bay. Also in the bay are small weaks that are taking Salty Dog lures. Snappers are just starting at the dock.

BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station reports the porgy fishing at Center Island reef has improved 98 percent. The porgies are bigger in both size and quantity. Worms are best. Blues are starting to show and have been seen chasing bunker at the reef. Striped bass fishing has quieted down but some night fishing at the Center Island reef has been productive.

CITY ISLAND

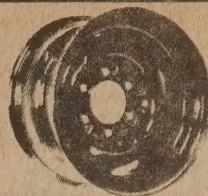
Jack's Bait and Tackle said there are big blues hitting cut bunker or mackerel at Harts Island, and No Nations. On July 2, Dan Maresca took a 15 lb. blue on line bunker at Harts Island. Porgies are scattered but being picked up in increasing quantities. Blackfishing remains good at City Island, Harts Island, CBS tower and Execution light. Fiddler's are your best bait.



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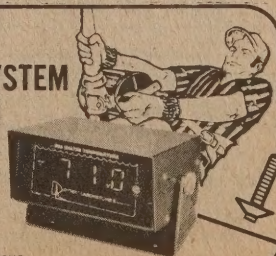
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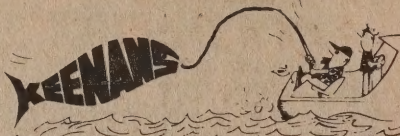
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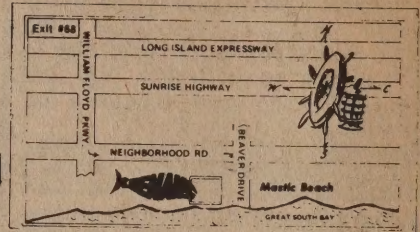
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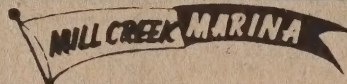


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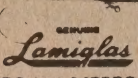
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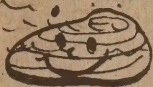
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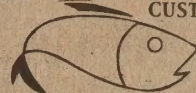
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CONNECTICUT SCENE

Blackfish and weaks in the Greenwich are with plenty of porgies for all Trollers at buoy 32A are taking blues from 4 to 5 pounds. Bass fishing is fair with fish to 30 pounds.

Bluefish are spotty in the Mamaroneck area with plenty of bunker around. Snapper blues are super thick. Bass are taking goo-goo eyes, tubes and the triple rig.

Not many big fish in the New Rochelle-Rye area but blues are getting bigger and more plentiful. Plugs and metal at day brake are your best bet.



NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

Statan Island is producing stripers on worms and bucktails at Penny Beach. Fluke are steady at the Middle Grounds with weakfish and blues moving throughout the area. There are big bluefish at West Bank and Ambrose taking umbrellas, gorillas and green tubes. Bass to 22 lbs. along the beach front from Sandy Hook to Seabright on plugs, bucktails and tubes.

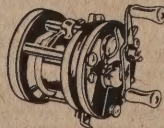
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ON →	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE- PORT	
DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
7/10 THURSDAY	9:29	9:42	10:55	11:08	12:14	12:49	12:25	12:57
7/11 FRIDAY	10:19	10:31	11:45	—	1:03	1:37	1:13	1:44
7/12 SATURDAY	11:11	11:24	12:01	12:36	1:54	2:27	2:03	2:35
7/13 SUNDAY	—	12:06	12:55	1:32	2:45	3:20	2:55	3:25
7/14 MONDAY	12:19	1:02	1:53	2:32	3:41	4:18	3:49	4:21
7/15 TUESDAY	1:14	1:57	2:54	3:31	4:45	5:24	4:47	5:18
7/16 WEDNESDAY	2:11	2:55	4:00	4:33	6:06	6:43	5:49	6:18
7/17 THURSDAY	3:14	3:55	5:07	5:36	7:30	7:56	6:53	7:19

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	—0 38
Coast Guard Sta.	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	—0 12

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Fort Pond Bay	—0 29
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42

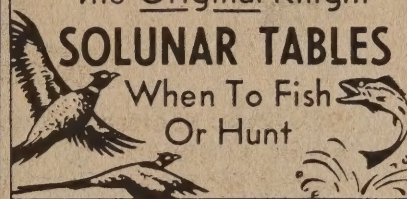
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Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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SOLUNAR TABLES



The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
7/10	6:00	12:20	6:25	12:55
7/11	7:05	1:35	7:30	1:55
7/12	8:10	2:30	8:35	2:50
7/13	9:05	3:25	9:35	3:50
7/14	10:05	4:20	10:30	4:45
7/15	11:00	5:15	11:20	5:40
7/16	11:55	6:05	—	6:30
7/17	12:15	6:55	12:45	7:20

PHASES OF THE MOON

7-8	7-15	7-23	7-31
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

7-6	5:37	8:32
7-12	5:40	8:30
7-18	5:45	8:27
7-24	5:50	8:22

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- #2 Buddy Holmes, 51.10, Merrick Marine
- #3 Joe Angevine, 50 lbs., Greenport

MARLIN

- #1 Red Enoksen, 68 lbs., Oakdale Sports
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